

**A GUIDE
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THIS BOOKLET (KNOWN AS 'THE BLURB') IS A COMPLETE GUIDE FOR CANADIANS OF EITHER SEX WHO FEEL THEY ARE HOMOSEXUAL, BUT WHO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT HOW TO MEET OTHER HOMOSEXUAL PEOPLE. THE APPENDIX LISTS NEARLY ALL THE PLACES IN CANADA WHERE YOU CAN MEET GAY PEOPLE. THUS IT IS ALSO OF USE TO GAYS WHO ARE NEW TO A CITY, BUT NOT NEW TO GAY LIFE.

I HAVE TRIED TO ANSWER EVERY QUESTION THAT COULD CONCEIVABLY ARISE, BUT BECAUSE OF SUCH A BROAD SCOPE I HAVE HAD TO SACRIFICE DEPTH -- ESPECIALLY THE EVIDENCE TO BACK UP MY CLAIMS. THE BLURB IS NOT THE LAST WORD ON CANADIAN HOMOSEXUALITY -- FOR NEARLY EVERY SENTENCE I COULD FIND SOMEONE WHO WOULD DISPUTE IT. I DO NOT CLAIM TO SPEAK FOR ALL GAYS. THIS BOOKLET IS A COLLECTION OF MY OWN PERSONAL BELIEFS AND PREJUDICES, BASED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON MY OWN EXPERIENCE. HOWEVER IN PARTS (SUCH AS THE LESBIAN SECTION) I HAVE HAD TO RELY ON INFORMATION FROM MY FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES. WHEN YOU READ THIS BOOKLET, PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR IDEAS SO THAT THEY MAY BE INCORPORATED IN THE NEXT REVISION. GRADUALLY THE BLURB WILL COME TO REFLECT A CLOSER PICTURE OF THE MANY SIDES OF GAY LIFE.

FACING YOUR HOMOSEXUALITY

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FACE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE GAY? YOU PROBABLY FEEL VERY GUILTY ABOUT YOUR HOMOSEXUAL FEELINGS. I AM GOING TO SHOW YOU WHY YOU DO FEEL GUILTY AND WHY YOU SHOULD NOT.

DON'T FEEL GUILTY, BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT ALONE! I CAN TELL YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT YOU ARE NOT UNIQUE, BUT HERE ARE A FEW STATISTICS TAKEN FROM A 1948 STUDY DONE BY DRs. KINSEY, MARTIN, AND POMEROY USING A STUDY DESIGN OF EXTREME SOPHISTICATION INVOLVING 5000 AMERICAN MEN AND 6000 AMERICAN WOMEN. THEY WERE NOT RAVING QUEERS TRYING TO CONVERT PEOPLE TO THE CAUSE SO THEY HAD NO REASON TO DISTORT THE STATISTICS. THEY FELT THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS WERE CONSERVATIVE AS NOT ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WERE HOMOSEXUAL WOULD ADMIT THE FACT.

13% OF AMERICAN WOMEN HAVE REACHED ORGASM FROM AT LEAST ONE HOMOSEXUAL EXPERIENCE. 28% OF AMERICAN WOMEN HAVE BEEN CONSCIOUS OF A SPECIFICALLY EROTIC RESPONSE TO ANOTHER FEMALE.

4% OF AMERICAN MALES ARE EXCLUSIVELY HOMOSEXUAL FOR THEIR ENTIRE LIVES. 10% OF AMERICAN MALES ARE EXCLUSIVELY HOMOSEXUAL FOR 3 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS DURING POST-ADOLESCENCE (18 TO 65). 18% OF AMERICAN MALES HAVE AT LEAST AS MUCH HOMOSEXUAL EXPERIENCE AS HETEROSEXUAL EXPERIENCE FOR 3 OR MORE YEARS DURING POST-ADOLESCENCE. 30% OF AMERICAN MALES HAVE REACHED AN ORGASM BY HAVING FELLATIO PERFORMED ON THEM BY ANOTHER MALE. 50% OF AMERICAN MALES HAVE SOME HOMOSEXUAL EXPERIENCE LEADING TO ORGASM AFTER ADOLESCENCE. 60% OF AMERICAN MALES ARE SEXUALLY ATTRACTED TO ANOTHER MALE AT LEAST ONCE DURING POST-ADOLESCENCE.

NOW FOR CHRIST'S SAKE THIS MEANS THAT IF YOU HAVE NEVER FELT ANY SEXUAL FEELING FOR ANOTHER GUY YOU ARE IN THE MINORITY! IT ALSO MEANS THAT IF YOU WALK INTO A ROOM OF 40 GUYS, THE CHANCE THAT THERE IS NO OTHER HOMOSEXUAL GUY THERE BESIDES YOURSELF IS ONLY 0.38% -- YOU COULD BET AT 260 : 1 ODDS THAT THERE IS AT LEAST ONE OTHER HOMOSEXUAL THERE AND MAKE MONEY IN THE LONG RUN. SO YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

BUT EVEN IF WE ARE IN THE MINORITY, SO ARE PEOPLE WITH BLOND HAIR, AND SO (IN THE STRICT SENSE) BLOND HAIR IS DEVIANT AND ABNORMAL. BUT NO ONE WORRIES "WHY AM I BLOND? WHAT ARE THE CAUSES OF BLONDNESS?" NO ONE BUSIES HIMSELF INVENTING CURES FOR BLONDNESS THAT CONVERT BLONDS INTO NORMAL PEOPLE WITH MOUSY BROWN HAIR. NO ONE PERSECUTES BLONDS FOR BEING DIFFERENT. SO BEING DEVIANT -- IN THE MINORITY -- IS NOT IN ITSELF EVIL.

THIS MAY SEEM A BIT OF A PARADOX, BUT IF YOU COME OUT YOUR CHANCES OF BECOMING STRAIGHT ARE MUCH IMPROVED. THE REASON IS THIS. CHANCES ARE THAT YOU ARE QUITE SHY AROUND GIRLS OR ELSE THEY ALWAYS TREAT YOU AS A BIG BROTHER. NO GIRL EVER THINKS OF YOU IN SEXUAL TERMS. YOU ARE A BIT OLD TO BE A VIRGIN, AND GIRLS EXPECT YOU TO KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING. BECAUSE OF YOUR LACK OF EXPERIENCE AND LACK OF CONFIDENCE AND FEAR OF REJECTION, YOU NEVER TRY ANYTHING. ONCE YOU DO COME OUT, YOU ARE FINALLY ABLE TO EXPRESS YOUR PHYSICAL DESIRES (WITH ANOTHER GUY). ALL THAT BOTTLED-UP PASSION FINALLY ESCAPES. YOU GET RID OF YOUR CONSTIPATED INTROSPECTIVE THINKING. YOU LEARN TO GIVE A LITTLE. YOU LEARN A LOT ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S FEELINGS. AND OF COURSE YOU PICK UP A LOT OF SEXUAL EXPERIENCE.

MOST OF THIS EXPERIENCE IS DIRECTLY TRANSLATABLE TO YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GIRLS. GIRLS LOVE GAY GUYS. THEY ARE FOREVER TRYING TO 'CONVERT' YOU, BUT YOU ARE SOMEWHAT IMMUNE TO THEIR CHARMS. THIS MAKES YOU ALL THE MORE INTERESTING AND THUS YOU CAN CHARM GIRLS VERY EASILY. WHEN ONE FINALLY DOES SEDUCE YOU YOU WILL DISCOVER HOW UNBELIEVABLY SIMILAR IT IS TO MAKING LOVE TO A GUY. I

STILL CAN'T GET OVER HOW SIMILAR IT IS. I REALLY WONDER HOW SOCIETY CAN MAKE SUCH A BIG THING OF WHICH SEX YOU SLEEP WITH IF, WITH YOUR EYES CLOSED, YOU CAN HARDLY TELL THE DIFFERENCE.

DON'T FEEL GUILTY, AS YOU MIGHT NOT EVEN BE GAY. WE ALL TEND TO SEXUALIZE OUR DESIRES. PEOPLE HAVE A NEED FOR LOVE, PHYSICAL SEX, PHYSICAL CONTACT AND SOCIAL CONTACT. THESE ARE QUITE SEPARATE DESIRES. A LOT OF GUYS JUST NEED PHYSICAL CONTACT. IN OTHER SOCIETIES, MALES CAN TOUCH EACH OTHER. WE IN NORTH AMERICA HAVE THE SILLY IDEA THAT ALL CONTACT IS SEXUAL. I KNOW A LOT OF GUYS WHO COME DOWN TO THE CLUB WHO NEVER PICK ANYONE UP FOR SEX. THEY ARE SATISFIED BY COMING DOWN THERE AND SOAKING UP THE WARMTH OF OTHER MALE BODIES. AS YOU WILL SEE LATER, GAYS TOUCH. YOU MAY JUST BE LONGING FOR PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH OTHER MALES, OR YOU MAY JUST BE LONGING FOR SOCIAL CONTACT. LIONEL TIGER'S THEORY IS THAT MALES HAVE A NON-SEXUAL BOND -- A GENETIC REMNANT OF THE DAYS WHEN MALES HAD TO GO OFF TOGETHER AND CO-OPERATE FULLY ON HUNTING PARTIES. AGAIN WE MISTAKE THIS BOND, THIS ENJOYMENT OF MALE COMPANY, AS A HOMOSEXUAL BOND.

DON'T FEEL GUILTY, AS IT IS NOT AN INNATE EVIL IN YOU THAT MADE YOU HOMOSEXUAL, BUT RATHER WHAT HAPPENED TO SHAPE YOUR SEX ATTITUDES WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG. THE HORMONE IMBALANCE AND INBORN THEORIES OF YESTERYEAR ARE ALL BUT OVERTHROWN. THERE ARE TWO MAIN WAYS PEOPLE BECOME HOMOSEXUAL. IF YOU BECAME HOMOSEXUAL BY THE FIRST WAY, YOU HAD A DOMINEERING MOTHER (WHOM YOU MAY HATE, LOVE, OR BE INDIFFERENT TO) AND A WITHDRAWN FATHER (WHOM YOU MAY HATE, LOVE OR BE INDIFFERENT TO). WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD, YOUR MOTHER TREATED YOU LIKE A GIRL WITH AN OVER-EMPHASIS ON NEATNESS, NICENESS OR SPIRITUALITY. YOU WERE A LITTLE PRUDE (FROM YOUR PURITANICAL UPBRINGING) AND HENCE DID NOT GET ON WELL WITH GUYS YOUR OWN AGE. WHEN YOU REACHED ADOLESCENCE YOU HAD TROUBLE SEXUALLY WITH GIRLS BECAUSE OF YOUR PRUDISHNESS AND BECAUSE OF YOUR ANXIETY ABOUT REJECTION OR FAILURE IN HETEROSEXUAL RELATIONS, THOUGH YOU MIGHT HAVE GOT ON QUITE WELL WITH THEM ON A PLATONIC LEVEL.

WHILE ALL THE OTHER BOYS YOUR OWN AGE WERE OUT HAVING ONE WHALE OF A TIME HOMOSEXUALLY, YOU WERE TOO AFRAID TO JOIN IN. YOU PROBABLY FELL IN LOVE WITH SOME BOY YOU ADMIRE BECAUSE HE WAS ATHLETIC AND POPULAR -- THE TWO TRAITS YOU LACKED. YOU DEVELOPED DIVERGENT INTERESTS FROM THE BOYS YOUR OWN AGE AND THUS BECAME SOCIALLY ISOLATED. BUT YOU WERE A BRIGHT LITTLE KID AND YOU KNEW YOUR INTEREST WAS HOMOSEXUAL AND HENCE 'EVIL'. YOU DID A MIGHTY JOB OF REPRESSING THESE DESIRES, THOUGH YOU BROODED ON THEM CONSTANTLY.

PARADOXICALLY THEN, YOUR INDULGING FRIENDS GREW OUT OF THE HOMOSEXUAL PHASE, BUT MORALISTIC, ABSTEMIOUS YOU WERE LEFT STUCK WITH IT. AS YOU REACHED 18 YOUR PERMANENT SEX PATTERNS BEGAN TO SET. AT ABOUT 22 YOU HAVE NOW DECIDED THAT YOU DON'T CARE IF IT IS EVIL; YOU HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT IT UNTIL YOU ARE NUMB; AND YOU NOW JUST WANT SOME SEX.

IF YOU BECAME HOMOSEXUAL BY THE SECOND WAY, YOU PROBABLY HAD A QUITE NORMAL CHILDHOOD. WHEN YOU WERE IN THE NORMAL HOMOSEXUAL PHASE (AGES 13 TO 15) YOU FELL IN WITH SOME OLDER GAY GUYS. THEY CONVINCED YOU THAT YOUR NORMAL 13-YEAR-OLD HOMOSEXUAL LONGINGS WERE GAY. AS YOU GREW OLDER THEY TEASED YOU ABOUT YOUR DEVELOPING HETEROSEXUAL INTERESTS. AT ABOUT AGE 18, THESE HOMOSEXUAL PATTERNS BECAME FIXED.

BUT EVERYONE IS UNIQUE AND ANY OF THESE FACTORS MENTIONED MAY BE MISSING OR THERE MAY BE OTHERS I HAVE OMITTED. BUT PLEASE NOTICE THAT THE CAUSE OF HOMOSEXUALITY IS NOT A DEPRAVED MIND. THE PROBLEM IS NOT WHAT MADE YOU HOMOSEXUAL, BUT WHAT GUMMED UP THE PROCESS OF BECOMING HETEROSEXUAL.

A NEW THEORY IS THAT HOMOSEXUALITY IS LEARNED. NEARLY ALL YOUNG BOYS HAVE SEXUAL EXPERIENCES WITH BOTH SEXES. JUST BY CHANCE IT TURNS OUT THAT HIS FIRST EXPERIENCES WITH BOYS ARE EMOTIONALLY SATISFYING (AND HOMOSEXUALITY IS REINFORCED BY 'REWARD') WHEREAS HIS FIRST SEXUAL EXPERIENCES WITH GIRLS ARE SMASH FLOPS (AND HIS HETEROSEXUALITY IS INHIBITED BY 'PUNISHMENT'). LIKE A PAVLOVIAN DOG HE SUBCONSCIOUSLY LEARNS TO BE HOMOSEXUAL.

ANOTHER THEORY IS THAT GAYS ARE NOT DEVIANT -- OUR JUDEO-CHRISTIAN SOCIETY IS! I CAN SAY FOR A FACT THAT THERE ARE NO TABOOS AGAINST HOMOSEXUALITY IN JAPAN, THE PHILIPPINES, KOREA, MALAYSIA, MOROCCO AND HOLIVIA. IN THESE AND MOST OTHER NON-JUDEO-CHRISTIAN COUNTRIES BISEXUALITY IS CONSIDERED THE NORM. A WIDE VARIETY OF SEXUAL RESPONSE IS A FEATURE OF EVERY HUMAN CULTURE WHICH HAS BEEN SCIENTIFICALLY STUDIED. SEXUALITY IS MUCH MORE THAN JUST REPRODUCTION! THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT ALL THESE FORMS OF BEHAVIOUR ARE CONSIDERED SOCIALLY 'ACCEPTABLE'. OUR OWN WESTERN CULTURE HAS WHAT IS PROBABLY THE NARROWEST DEFINITION OF 'ACCEPTABLE' BEHAVIOUR THAT HAS EVER BEEN KNOWN -- EVEN HETEROSEXUAL INTERCOURSE BETWEEN UNMARRIED ADULTS IS PROHIBITED.

WHEN WE LIVE IN A SOCIETY WHERE WE ARE NOT ALLOWED FREE SEXUAL RESPONSE WE HAVE TO ASSUME SEXUAL ROLES -- STEREOTYPED SETS OF ACTIONS THAT ARE ACCEPTABLE. MEN WHO GO OVERBOARD ON THIS ROLE PLAYING HAVE WHAT IS TERMED THE 'JOHN WAYNE SYNDROME'. THESE MEN PLAY THE ROLE OF MAN AS TOUGH, UNEMOTIONAL AND

HETEROSEXUAL TO LUDICROUS EXTREMES. AT ONE TIME GAY SOCIETY WAS AS STEREOTYPE-RIDDEN AS THE STRAIGHT ONE AND GAYS HAD TO PLAY THE FAIRY ROLE TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE REST OF GAY SOCIETY, BUT THIS HAS CHANGED.

AN IMPORTANT POINT TO BRING OUT IS THAT HOMOSEXUALITY IS A HUGE UMBRELLA COVERING A WIDE VARIETY OF SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR -- FROM MALE PROSTITUTION TO DE FACTO MARRIAGES. I DOUBT THAT A SINGLE THEORY WILL EVER ACCOUNT FOR THIS SPECTRUM OF BEHAVIOUR. IT IS LIKE EXPECTING A SIMPLE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF WHY A MAN LOVES SOME WOMEN BUT NOT OTHERS.

DON'T FEEL GUILTY, BECAUSE HOMOSEXUALITY IS NOT WICKED. I DARE YOU TO MEET 100 HOMOSEXUAL PEOPLE AND THEN SAY THAT HOMOSEXUALS ARE EVIL. IN FACT THEY ARE A TERRIBLE BUNCH OF DO-GOODERS. EACH ONE HAS A NAGGING GUILT, SO HE COMPENSATES BY DOING A LOT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK OR BY WORKING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, ECOLOGY, OR BAN-THE-BOMB ORGANIZATIONS. HE HAS A GREATER SOCIAL CONSCIENCE THAN HIS STRAIGHT BROTHER.

YOU WILL HEAR SILLY STORIES LIKE HOMOSEXUALITY WAS THE DOWNFALL OF ROME. DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU THAT HOMOSEXUALITY WAS MUCH MORE WIDE-SPREAD AND ACCEPTED AMONG THE BARBARIANS THAT DESTROYED THE ROTTEN EMPIRE, THAN BY THE ROMANS?

DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU THAT IF HOMOSEXUALITY WAS TRULY A BAD TRAIT, IE. ONE WHICH IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE RACE AS A WHOLE, THEN THIS POSSIBILITY WOULD HAVE BREED ITSELF OUT OF THE HUMAN STOCK OR ELSE OUR SPECIES WOULD HAVE PERISHED LONG AGO?

WHEN YOU STUDY ZOOLOGY, YOU WILL FIND OUT HOW MAGNIFICENTLY ADAPTED ANIMALS ARE TO THEIR ENVIRONMENTS (FROM MILENIA OF NATURAL SELECTION OR FROM GOD'S WISDOM IF YOU PREFER). IF YOU DIG DEEP ENOUGH YOU WILL FIND THAT EVERY CELL IN AN ANIMAL'S BODY HAS ITS OWN PARTICULAR ROLE TO PLAY IN KEEPING THAT ANIMAL ALIVE. EVERY BEHAVIOURAL REFLEX SOMEHOW HELPS THAT ANIMAL (OR ITS SPECIES) TO SURVIVE. HOMOSEXUALITY IS A FACT IN THE HUMAN ANIMAL. IT WOULD BE ABSURD TO THINK THAT HOMOSEXUALITY (OF ALL THE REACTIONS OF THE HUMAN ANIMAL THAT ARE SO PERFECTLY ADAPTED TO THEIR ENVIRONMENT) ALONE SHOULD NOT HAVE SOME FUNCTION IN KEEPING THE HUMAN SPECIES ALIVE. PERHAPS IT IS A POPULATION CONTROL MECHANISM (HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOUR AMONG RATS INCREASES DRAMATICALLY AS THE POPULATION DENSITY INCREASES; OVERT HOMOSEXUALITY IN HUMANS IS MUCH MORE PREVALENT IN LARGE CITIES THAN IN SMALL TOWNS). PERHAPS IT SUBDUES THE RIVALRY BETWEEN MALES SO THAT THEY CAN WORK TOGETHER. WE MUST HAVE AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION IN KEEPING SOCIETY GOING OR ELSE THERE WOULDN'T BE SO MANY OF US.

YOU MUST STOP DEFINING YOURSELF SOLELY ON TERMS OF WHAT SEX YOU PREFER. IF SOMEONE ASKS, "WHAT ARE YOU?" YOU IMMEDIATELY THINK "HOMOSEXUAL" RATHER THAN "PAINTER" OR "COMPUTER PROGRAMMER". THERE ARE MANY MORE THINGS ABOUT YOU THAT ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT TYPE OF GENITALS YOU PREFER.

HOMOSEXUALITY AS A DISEASE

YOU WILL HEAR SOME PSYCHOLOGISTS CALL HOMOSEXUALITY A DISEASE, BUT THEY ONLY SEE THOSE GAYS WHO ARE HAVING PROBLEMS. DR. EVELYN HOOKER OF UCLA STUDIED RANDOM SAMPLES OF GAYS AND SHE DISCOVERED THAT GAYS ARE NO MORE NEUROTIC ON THE AVERAGE THAN A RANDOM SAMPLE OF STRAIGHTS. ANY PROBLEMS THAT GAYS HAD TENDED TO BE CAUSED BY SOCIETY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD HOMOSEXUALITY RATHER THAN BY SOMETHING INHERENT IN HOMOSEXUALITY. I CAN SAY IT UNTIL I'M BLUE IN THE FACE, BUT YOU WILL ACTUALLY HAVE TO MEET GAY GUYS BEFORE IT SINKS IN: WE ARE NOT SICK!

ONE OF THE PRACTICAL RESULTS OF BEHAVIOURAL PSYCHOLOGY IS A 'CURE' FOR HOMOSEXUALITY. YOU ARE STRAPPED IN A CHAIR AND PICTURES ARE FLASHED ON A SCREEN IN FRONT OF YOU. EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, A PICTURE OF A NUDE MAN WILL APPEAR ON THE SCREEN AND AT THE SAME TIME YOU RECEIVE AN ELECTRIC SHOCK. THE SHOCK CONTINUES UNTIL YOU PRESS A BUTTON THAT BRINGS ON THE NEXT PICTURE -- OF A NUDE WOMAN. PICTURES OF NUDE MEN BECOME ASSOCIATED WITH THE PAINFUL ELECTRIC SHOCK AND PICTURES OF NUDE WOMEN BECOME ASSOCIATED WITH RELIEF FROM PAIN.

AFTER THE TREATMENT IS OVER YOU WILL FEEL NAUSEOUS AT THE SIGHT OF A PICTURE OF A NUDE MAN AND WILL SALIVATE APPROPRIATELY AT A PICTURE OF A NUDE WOMAN. HOWEVER YOUR FEELINGS TOWARD REAL-LIFE MEN AND WOMEN REMAIN UNCHANGED. USING MODIFICATIONS OF THIS TECHNIQUE, PSYCHOLOGISTS ARE CLAIMING SUCCESSFUL 'CURES' WITH THIS METHOD, BUT THEY HASTEN TO ADD THAT THE METHOD COULD EQUALLY WELL BE USED TO 'CURE' A HETEROSEXUAL BY CHANGING HIM INTO A HOMOSEXUAL.

EVEN ANN LANDERS AND DEAR ABBY ADVISE THEIR HOMOSEXUAL READERS, "FORGET ABOUT BEING CURED AS EVEN THE BEST CURE RATES ARE ONLY 4%. YOU MUST LEARN TO LIVE WITH YOUR HOMOSEXUALITY. SEE A PSYCHIATRIST -- NOT TO BE CURED, BUT TO GET HELP ACCEPTING YOURSELF AS YOU ARE."

A FRIEND OF MINE WAS ONCE ASKED, "DO YOU KNOW OF ANY HOMOSEXUALS WHO WERE CURED?" HE REPLIED, "YES. THREE OF THEM -- THEY ALL COMMITTED SUICIDE."

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO 'CURE' HOMOSEXUALS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT 'SICK' IN THE FIRST PLACE.

RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS

I AM AN ATHEIST MYSELF, SO I HAD NO TROUBLES OVERCOMING RELIGIOUS GUILT FEELINGS ABOUT MY OWN HOMOSEXUALITY, BUT PERHAPS YOU WERE BROUGHT UP AS A CHRISTIAN OR A JEW AND ARE DEEPLY TROUBLED BY LEVITICUS 18 V. 22 "THOU SHALT NOT LIE WITH MANKIND, AS WITH WOMANKIND: IT IS AN ABOMINATION."

MY ADVICE WOULD BE TO READ "TOWARDS A QUAKER VIEW OF SEX" EDITED BY ALASTAIR HERON. IT IS APPLICABLE TO MOST CHRISTIAN SECTS -- NOT JUST THE QUAKERS. MANY OF THE IDEAS IN THIS SECTION WERE PIRATED FROM THIS BOOK.

EVEN THOUGH NO OTHER RELIGIONS EXCEPT THE CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH ONES CONCERNED THEMSELVES WITH HOMOSEXUALITY, THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS ALWAYS FROWNED ON HOMOSEXUAL PRACTICES, AND THE ANCIENT JEWS DISTRUSTED THEM, APPARENTLY BECAUSE THEY CANNOT LEAD TO THE PROCREATION OF CHILDREN. (HOW STRANGE IT IS THAT IN MODERN TIMES WE TOLERATE MARRIED HETEROSEXUAL COUPLES WHO USE BIRTH CONTROL, AND YET WE JEER AT MARRIED HOMOSEXUAL COUPLES WHO PRACTICE THE ULTIMATE IN BIRTH CONTROL -- THE ONLY METHOD WITH NO KNOWN FAILURES -- HOMOSEXUALITY.)

ST. PAUL SEEMS TO HAVE REGARDED HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOUR ITSELF WITH ABHORRENCE, APPARENTLY BECAUSE SUCH ACTS WERE 'UNNATURAL'. ROMANS 1, V. 27 "AND LIKEWISE ALSO WITH MEN, LEAVING THE NATURAL USE OF WOMEN, BURNED IN THEIR LUST TOWARD ONE ANOTHER," SUGGESTS THAT ST. PAUL SUBSCRIBED TO THE PRAIRIE FIRE VIEW OF HOMOSEXUAL CONDUCT -- THAT IT IS NATURALLY MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN HETEROSEXUAL SATISFACTION, AND THAT IF ALLOWED LEGALLY AND MORALLY EVERYONE WOULD TURN TO IT. THIS IS PLAINLY CONTRARY TO EXPERIENCE -- MOST SOCIETIES (THE NON-JUDEO=CHRISTIAN ONES) HAVE NO SUCH TABOOS AGAINST HOMOSEXUALITY, AND I REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT WOMEN IN THOSE CULTURES ARE SEXUALLY NEGLECTED. IT IS NO MORE LIKELY THAT PEOPLE WILL TURN TO BESTIALITY IF IT IS LEGALIZED AND MORALLY SANCTIONED THAN THEY WILL TO HOMOSEXUALITY. AS FOR IT BEING UNNATURAL, HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOUR EXISTS IN EVERY HUMAN CULTURE AND IN MOST OF THE SPECIES OF THE HIGHER MAMMALS. UNNATURAL IS WHAT WE CALL THINGS WE ARE AFRAID OF AND DO NOT YET UNDERSTAND.

OTHER THAN TWO VERSES IN LEVITICUS (LEVITICUS IS THE BOOK WHERE PEOPLE WHO COMMIT ADULTERY, MARRY THEIR WIFE'S SISTER, HAVE INTERCOURSE WITH WOMEN DURING THEIR PERIODS, EAT THE FAT OF ANY ANIMAL ETC. ARE EITHER TO BE BANISHED OR PUT TO DEATH) THE ONLY OTHER ANTI-HOMOSEXUAL REFERENCES ARE IN THE WRITINGS OF ST. PAUL, WHO LEFT NO DOUBT ABOUT HIS IDEAS IN 1 COR. 6 V. 9 "KNOW YE NOT THAT THE UNGRATUITIOUS SHALL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD? BE NOT DECEIVED: NEITHER FORNICATIONS, NOR IDOLATERS, NOR ADULTERERS, NOR EFFEMINATE, NOR ABUSERS OF THEMSELVES WITH MANKIND, ... SHALL INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD." HIS OPINIONS MAY HAVE BEEN PERSONAL ONES, HOWEVER, OR PART OF THE ACCEPTED JEWISH THOUGHT OF THE DAY. EQUALLY STRONG PROHIBITIONS THAT WOMEN SHOULD NOT PRAY WITH THEIR HATS OFF (1 COR. 11 V. 5), NOR SPEAK IN CHURCH (1 COR. 14 V. 34) TEND TO BE DISREGARDED BY MOST MODERN CHRISTIANS, SO THAT ST. PAUL'S VIEWS ARE NOT, IN THEMSELVES, FINAL.

ONE IMPORTANT POINT TO MAKE IS THAT JESUS HIMSELF NEVER ONCE MADE MENTION OF THE EVILS OF HOMOSEXUALITY. PERHAPS HE FELT IT WAS SUCH A MINOR SIN THAT IT WAS NOT WORTH FRETTING ABOUT. PERHAPS WHEN HE SAID, "LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR" HE MEANT JUST THAT AND LOVE BETWEEN MEN IS GOOD.

THE UN=COME=OUT GAY

THE YOUNG UN=COME=OUT GAY WILL NEARLY ALWAYS SUBCONSCIOUSLY TRY TO REPRESS HIS HOMOSEXUAL DESIRES. BUT WHEN THESE WELL=REPPRESSED DESIRES FINALLY EMERGE, THE HOMOSEXUAL FINDS HIMSELF IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH THE SOCIETY HE HAS LIVED IN ALL HIS LIFE. HE HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO ALL THE MYTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS, AND TO NONE OF THE FACTS. HE MAY BELIEVE THAT ALL HOMOSEXUALS ARE TRANSVESTITES; THAT THEY ARE SICK, AND DESPERATELY WANT TO BE 'NORMAL'; THAT THEY ARE LISPING, EFFEMINATE MYSOGINISTS, WILDY PROMISCUOUS BUT INCAPABLE OF AFFECTION; THAT THEY CONGREGATE IN WASHROOMS AND AT THE BACK ROW OF MOVIE THEATRES, MILEST CHILDREN, BLACKMAIL EACH OTHER FOR AMUSEMENT, AND WORK PART TIME FOR THE MAFIA; OR THAT THEY ARE ALL DIRTY, DEFORMED OLD MEN WHO SLEEP WITH ONE ANOTHER BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY KIND OF SEX THEY CAN GET. HULLSHIT, YES, BUT VERY COMMONLY BELIEVED FOR ALL THAT!

AS A RESULT OF THIS, A YOUNG HOMOSEXUAL WILL PROBABLY SPEND SEVERAL YEARS ENGAGED IN FRUITLESS AND FRUSTRATING ATTEMPTS TO 'OVERCOME HIS DISABILITY'. TO ADD TO HIS MISERY, HE HAS BEEN TOLD AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT HE IS 'FVIL' AND THAT HIS DESIRES ARE 'PERVERTED', AND THAT HE WILL COME TO A STICKY END.

THE RESULT OF COURSE IS THAT HE EMBARKS ON A NEW ROUND OF REPRESSION, THIS TIME CONSCIOUSLY. CONVINCED HE IS ABNORMAL AND SICK, THE YOUNG HOMOSEXUAL ATTEMPTS TO CURE HIMSELF. HE MAY FORCE HIMSELF INTO HETEROSEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS, EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF GETTING MARRIED, BUT USUALLY HE JUST SITS AND STEWS. IF THIS PERIOD IS PROLONGED IT CAN BE THE SOURCE OF SEVERE PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS, BUT NORMALLY NO LASTING DAMAGE IS DONE. DURING ONE OF HIS SANER MOMENTS THE YOUNG HOMOSEXUAL FINALLY DECIDES THAT HE HAS HAD QUITE ENOUGH OF TRYING TO CURE HIMSELF; WHAT HE NEEDS NOW IS SEX! HE WILL TRY TO SEDUCE ONE OF HIS FRIENDS (IF TEN OF THEM ARE GAY HE WILL PICK THE ELEVENTH); HE WILL HAUNT THE BACK ROWS OF MOVIE THEATRES (AND SPEND HOURS REMOVING USED CHEWING GUM FROM HIS SHOES); OR WORK OUT AT THE YMCA FOR HOURS (WHICH WILL PROBABLY DO HIM A GREAT DEAL OF GOOD, BUT WHAT HE IS LOOKING FOR IS SEX.)

WHERE TO FIND GAYS

THERE ARE 5 GENERAL TYPES OF PLACES TO MEET YOUNG HOMOSEXUAL GUYS:

1. CRUISING PLACES
2. STEAM BATHS
3. GAY BARS
4. PRIVATE PARTIES
5. PRIVATE SOCIAL CLUBS

1. CRUISING MEANS WALKING ABOUT A PLACE THAT HOMOSEXUAL GUYS FREQUENT, STARING AT AND LOOKING OVER THE GOOD-LOOKING GUYS, AND HOPING TO PICK ONE UP FOR ONE-TIME SEX. CRUISING PLACES ARE USUALLY OUT OF DOORS, BUT SOMETIMES THEY ARE INSIDE RESTAURANTS, BUS STATIONS, OR REST ROOMS. ANY PARK IN THE CENTRE OF A REASONABLY LARGE CITY -- PREFERABLY NOT TOO WELL LIT AND WITH LOTS OF BUSHES AND NEAR WATER -- IS NEARLY ALWAYS A CRUISING PLACE AT NIGHT. THE GROUNDS AROUND THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS IN ANY CANADIAN CAPITAL CITY IS ALWAYS A CRUISING PLACE. THE YMCA IN ANY CITY IS ALWAYS A PLACE WHERE GAY PEOPLE LIVE WHEN VISITING A CITY.

2. STEAM BATHS USUALLY CONSIST OF :

- A. A STEAM ROOM THAT SMELLS OF SWEATY AND SEXUALLY EXCITED BODIES.
- B. SHOWERS WHERE GUYS GET A GOOD LOOK AT ONE ANOTHER.
- C. LABYRINTHS OF CORRIDORS FLANKED BY VACANT-FACED PEOPLE WEARING NOTHING BUT TOWELS STANDING IMMOBILE AT THE DOORS OF THEIR LITTLE 6 X 8 FOOT ROOMS THEY HAVE RENTED IN ANTICIPATION FOR THE EVENING.

THEY ARE SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD THINK COULD ONLY EXIST IN THE IMAGINATION OF A MAN LIKE FELLINI; THEY ARE SOMETHING TO BE SEEN, BUT ONLY ONCE!

3. GAY BARS ARE LIKE ANY OTHER BARS AND ARE GOVERNED BY THE SAME ARCHAIC LIQUOR LAWS. THE CLIENTEL IS USUALLY MIXED: SOME GAY, SOME STRAIGHT. BUT IN EASTERN CANADIAN CITIES THESE FUNCTION LIKE THE PRIVATE SOCIAL CLUBS OF WESTERN CANADA.

4. PRIVATE PARTIES CAN RANGE FROM A BRIDGE GAME TO A FULL-BLOWN ORGY. OLDER AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE TEND TO STICK TO HOUSE PARTIES AS THESE ARE THE LEAST PUBLIC WAY OF MEETING PEOPLE. BUT OF COURSE YOU WILL NOT BE INVITED TO ONE UNLESS SOME GAY PERSON KNOWS YOU, AND KNOWS YOU ARE GAY. THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST ENJOYABLE FORM OF GAY LIFE -- AT ANY RATE CERTAINLY THE MOST VARIED. YOU WILL FIND THAT HAVING A GROUP OF GAY FRIENDS WHO SHARE YOUR INTERESTS IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN SEX.

5. 'PRIVATE SOCIAL CLUB' IS REALLY A MISNOMER AS THESE PLACES ARE NEITHER PRIVATE NOR CLUBS. THEY ARE CALLED THAT TO GET AROUND CERTAIN LIQUOR LAWS. THEY ARE NIGHT CLUBS THAT REQUIRE A MEMBERSHIP CARD TO GET IN. THIS WAY THE MANAGEMENT CAN SELECT THE TYPE OF CLIENTEL IT WANTS.

I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND ANY OF THE FIRST 3 PLACES FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS :

- A. GUYS HANG OUT IN A LOT OF THEM.
- B. STRAIGHT PEOPLE HANG OUT IN A LOT OF THEM AND IT CAN PROVE VERY EMBARRASSING TO TRY TO PICK UP A STRAIGHT PERSON.
- C. YOU WILL PROBABLY BE SO NERVOUS THAT THE GAY PEOPLE PRESENT WILL THINK YOU ARE STRAIGHT AND WILL IGNORE YOU.
- D. YOU WILL CATCH A VENEREAL DISEASE OR CRAB LICE.
- E. YOU WILL GET BEATEN UP OR RUBBED.
- F. YOU WILL MEET PEOPLE WHO TREAT OTHER HUMANS AS MASTURBATING MACHINES.

I WOULD DEFINITELY RECOMMEND A PRIVATE SOCIAL CLUB EVEN IF IT MEANS A 500 MILE TRIP TO THE NEAREST BIG CITY. I HAVE LISTED NEARLY ALL THE CRUISING PLACES, STEAM BATHS, GAY BARS, AND PRIVATE SOCIAL CLUBS IN CANADA AS WELL AS IN NEIGHBORING AMERICAN CITIES. A DATE IN < MAR 1971 > FORM MEANS THAT INFORMATION ABOUT THAT PLACE WAS CURRENT ON THAT DATE. SINCE GAY PLACES HAVE A TENDENCY TO POP UP LIKE PUFF BALLS AND TO DIE OFF LIKE DROSOPHILA PRIAPUS, AND SINCE THE TYPE OF CLIENTEL AT ANY ONE PLACE CHANGES ALMOST MONTHLY, SUCH INFORMATION GOES STALE VERY QUICKLY. IF EVER YOU RUN ACROSS ANY INFORMATION OF THIS SORT, PLEASE PASS IT ALONG, EVEN IF IT IS JUST TO CONFIRM WHAT I HAVE WRITTEN.

HOW TO MEET GAYS

NOW THAT YOU HAVE DECIDED THAT YOU WANT TO COME OUT, WHAT DO YOU DO? WHY DON'T YOU DO THE SAME THING AS ABOUT 1000 PEOPLE BEFORE YOU HAVE DONE? IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS I AM GOING TO GIVE YOU RIDICULOUSLY EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS. YOU WILL SOON LEARN THAT IF YOU DID NOT FOLLOW THEM, YOU WOULD GET ON JUST AS WELL. I WILL ALSO DESCRIBE A LOT OF IRRELEVANT DETAILS SO THAT YOUR WHOLE EVENING WILL HAVE A HAVEN'T-I-DONE-THIS-BEFORE? FEELING ABOUT IT.

BUY A COPY OF YOUR LOCAL UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER AND LOOK ON THE UNCLASSIFIED ADS PAGE FOR AN AD THAT LOOKS SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

THERE ARE 50,000 HOMOSEXUALS IN VANCOUVER.
FREE BOOKLET DESIGNED FOR THE NAIVE GAY TO
HELP YOU MEET SOME. (604) 683-4864 TO TALK
WITH MALE UBC STUDENT 23. I DO NOT CARE ABOUT
YOUR AGE, SEX, OR SEXUAL PREFERENCES. ROEDY
GREEN, BOX 8969 STATION "H" VANCOUVER 5, B.C.

CHANCES ARE YOU HAVE DONE THIS STEP ALREADY. THE NEXT STEP IS TO GET UP ENOUGH NERVE TO PHONE. A BOOMING MASCULINE VOICE (MINE) WILL ANSWER WITH "GREETINGS!" IF YOU ARE AT ALL TYPICAL, YOU WILL PANIC AND HANG UP. A FEW DAYS LATER AFTER A FEW BEERS LATE AT NIGHT, YOU WILL FINALLY PLUCK UP THE COURAGE TO PHONE AGAIN. WE WILL TALK FOR A WHILE AND I WILL ASK YOU A BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS SUCH AS: "ARE YOU MARRIED?", "DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF HIP OR NON-HIP?", "DO YOU KNOW ANY GAYS IN VANCOUVER?", "HOW OLD ARE YOU?", "WHERE CAN I MAIL YOU A COPY OF MY BOOKLET?" YOU IN TURN WILL GIVE ME A FAKE NAME AND THE ADDRESS OF A FRIEND OF YOURS TO MAIL IT TO. I WILL INVITE YOU TO COME DOWN FOR A TALK PERHAPS ON THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. YOU WILL AGREE TO COME DOWN.

TUESDAY FINALLY ROLLS AROUND AND TYPICALLY YOU WILL LOSE YOUR NERVE AND WILL BREAK THE APPOINTMENT WITHOUT EVEN TELLING ME. WEDNESDAY MORNING ARRIVES AND MY BOOKLET (THE THING YOU ARE HOLDING IN YOUR HANDS RIGHT NOW) APPEARS IN THE MORNING MAIL IN A PLAIN BROWN ENVELOPE. YOU HAVE PROBABLY JUST SNUCK OFF TO THE ATTIC TO READ IT, BUT BECAUSE THE PRINT IS SO FINE, YOU CAN'T READ IT IN SUCH POOR LIGHT.

AFTER FINISHING THIS BOOKLET, YOU SHOULD FEEL READY TO TRY AGAIN. PHONE ME UP AND MAKE ANOTHER APPOINTMENT TO COME DOWN PERHAPS WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 P.M. AFTER DRIVING AROUND FOR 20 MINUTES TRYING TO FIND A PARKING SPACE, WALK UP TO THE OLD CASTLE OF A BUILDING WHERE I LIVE AT 1019 GILFORD STREET IN THE WEST END. PUSH THE DOORBELL FOR APARTMENT 4 AND WALK INTO THE FOYER AS THE DOOR IS NOT LOCKED. GO UP THE STAIRS TO THE SECOND FLOOR AND KNOCK LOUDLY. A VERY HANDSOME GUY WILL ANSWER THE DOOR. THIS IS NOT ME BUT MY LOVER BEN. LOOK INTO THE GREEN-CARPETED OCTAGONAL ROOM LITTERED WITH LAWN CHAIRS (I AM A POOR STUDENT WHO CANNOT AFFORD BETTER FURNITURE.) AROUND THE EDGES OF THE ROOM ARE AN AQUARIUM AND TWO ORANGE TREES. I WILL STUMBLE INTO THE ROOM (ALL 6 FOOT 3 OF ME -- USUALLY SLOPPILY DRESSED) AND ASK "WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE -- COFFEE OR TEA?"

THIS IS THE LAST THING YOU EXPECT TO HEAR. YOU EXPECT ME TO SAY "THE BEDROOM IS THIS WAY" OR "TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES" BUT HERE I AM PRATTLING ABOUT TEA!

AFTER YOU SLOP COFFEE ALL OVER YOURSELF, YOU WILL GRADUALLY STOP SHAKING ENOUGH TO START TALKING. AFTER ASSURING YOURSELF THAT I TRULY AM A HOMOSEXUAL -- (BECAUSE I SURELY DON'T LOOK, TALK, OR ACT AS YOU KNOW ONE SHOULD) YOU WILL SPILL OUT YOUR SEXUAL LIFE HISTORY. BY THE END OF IT YOU WILL FEEL ELATED. THE HUGE WEIGHT OF HAVING TO BEAR YOUR PROBLEM TOTALLY ON YOUR OWN WILL BE LIFTED. YOU HAVE FOUND SOMEONE WHO IS NOT ONLY UNSHOCKABLE BUT ALSO SYMPATHETIC. YOU WILL FEEL SO HAPPY THAT YOU WILL MAKE A PASS AT BEN OR MYSELF. IT WILL BE DECLINED GENTLY. YOU WILL PROMISE TO COME AGAIN FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT GATHERING AT 9:00 P.M. PREPARATORY TO GOING TO THE B&B (A PRIVATE SOCIAL CLUB).

IT IS FRIDAY EVENING 7:30. GO INTO THE BATHROOM AND HAVE A BATH. WASH THOROUGHLY; BRUSH YOUR TEETH WITH MACLEANS TOOTHPASTE; GARGLE SOME LAVORIS MOUTHWASH. SHAVE (UNLESS YOU HAVE A BEARD) USING A SCHICK STAINLESS STEEL BLADE. DO NOT USE AN ELECTRIC RAZOR. LATHER AGAIN AND SHAVE AGAIN. IT IS QUITE IMPORTANT TO SHAVE SO WELL THAT YOU CAN NO LONGER FEEL THE STUBBLE EVEN WHEN YOU RUB YOUR HAND AGAINST THE GRAIN. BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL WITH YOUR MOUTH AREA. THERE IS A VERY GOOD REASON FOR THIS WHICH I WILL EXPLAIN LATER. DO NOT, HOWEVER, SLIT YOUR THROAT. BLOOD TENDS TO TURN GAYS OFF.

DO NOT PUT ON ANY AFTERSHAVE LOTION OR ANY SCENT OF ANY KIND -- EXCEPT UNDERARM STUFF. PUT ON SOME CLEAN SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR (I WILL -- AS A SPECIAL TREAT -- EVEN LET YOU CHOOSE THE BRAND.)

IF YOU HAVE SOME WHITE OR OFF-WHITE LEVIS, PUT THEM ON. IF YOU DO NOT, PUT ON SOME GWG SUPER-SLIM BLUE JEANS. IF YOU HAVE A STANFIELD'S WHITE TURTLE-NECK LONG-SLEEVED SWEAT SHIRT, PUT THAT ON. IF YOU DO NOT, PUT ON A CLEAN SPORTS SHIRT. CLOTHING IS NOT ALL THAT IMPORTANT -- THE THINGS TO REMEMBER ARE THAT YOU WILL BE ACTIVE AND IT WILL BE HOT, SO IT IS INSANE TO WEAR A SUIT. FINALLY, PUT ON A WARM JACKET -- A SKI JACKET IS BEST -- AS THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE YOU WILL HAVE TO WALK OR HITCH-HIKE HOME AT 3 OR 4 IN THE MORNING AND IT IS DAMN COLD AT THAT HOUR.

DRIVE OFF TO THE APARTMENT WHERE THE GATHERING WILL BE HELD THAT WEEK -- USUALLY AT MY FRIEND LEONARD'S PLACE ON WEST 12TH.

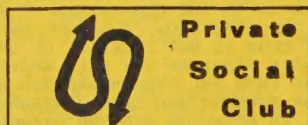
WHEN YOU WALK IN YOU WILL SEE 8 TO 40 PEOPLE SITTING ABOUT DRINKING COFFEE OR TEA AND EATING COOKIES OR CARROT STICKS. THE PEOPLE RANGE IN AGE FROM 17 TO 65 WITH MOST ABOUT 23. SOMETIMES THERE ARE A FEW LESBIANS AS I HELP THEM OUT IN THE SAME WAY. YOU WILL WONDER IF YOU CAME TO THE RIGHT APARTMENT AS NONE OF THESE PEOPLE SEEMS TO BE GAY. AFTER ALL NOT A ONE IF FLICKING HIS WRISTS, SWISHING HIS HIPS OR EVEN LISPING. I WILL RUSH UP TO YOU AND INTRODUCE YOU TO THE ASSEMBLED MULTITUDES BY THE FAKE NAME YOU GAVE ME. YOU WILL BE UTTERLY BEWILDERED AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REMEMBER A SINGLE NAME OF ANYONE WHO WAS INTRODUCED TO YOU. TYPICALLY YOU WILL GO OFF IN A CORNER AND WILL TRY TO BLEND INTO THE WOODWORK. PEOPLE WILL COME AND SIT BESIDE YOU AND THEY WILL TRY TO START A CONVERSATION. YOU WILL BE SO TERRIFIED THAT YOU WILL CONFUSE FRIENDLINESS WITH SNOOPINESS AND THUS YOU WILL KILL ALL CONVERSATIONS BEFORE THEY GET OFF THE GROUND.

AT 11:00 P.M. I WILL DISAPPEAR FOR A FEW MOMENTS TO CHANGE. I WILL REAPPEAR IN A VIOLENT YELLOW TURTLENECK T-SHIRT (NO ONE ELSE BUT ME HAS LITTLE ENOUGH TASTE TO WEAR ONE LIKE IT). THIS IS THE SIGNAL FOR THE EXODUS TO BEGIN. THERE WILL BE A LOT OF CONFUSED SHOUTING AS RIDES TO ONE OR MORE OF VANCOUVER'S PRIVATE SOCIAL CLUBS (THERE ARE 7 OF THEM) ARE ARRANGED FOR ALL WHO NEED THEM. SOME OF THE PEOPLE HEAD OFF HOME AFTER THE SOCIAL EVENING, BUT MOST CHARGE OFF TO 'THE CLUB'.

SINCE IT WILL BE YOUR FIRST TIME, I WILL ARRANGE FOR AN OLD-TIMER (A PERSON WHO WENT THROUGH THIS RIGAMOROLE ABOUT A MONTH PREVIOUS) TO ACCOMPANY YOU SO THAT YOU WON'T GET LOST OR GET COLD FEET AT THE LAST MINUTE.

THE B&B IS A PLAIN, OLD, SQUARE BUILDING WHICH WAS PROBABLY A PLUMBERS' SUPPLY STORE AT ONE TIME. IT LOOKS VERY INNOCENT EXCEPT FOR TWO THINGS:

1. A BRASS PLAQUE THAT LOOKS LIKE THIS:



2. THE 69 IN THE STREET NUMBER 1369 ON THE DOOR IS IN LARGER NUMERALS THAN THE 13.

NOW AS LADY MACBETH WOULD SAY "BUT SCREW YOUR COURAGE TO THE STICKING PLACE AND WE'LL NOT FAIL." WALK UP TO THE WICKET. BEHIND THE WICKET WILL BE A VERY HANDSOME BOY ABOUT 20 TO 24 YEARS OLD. SPEAK UNTO HIM SAYING, "I WOULD LIKE TO BUY A MEMBERSHIP." (YOU NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT LOOKING STRAIGHT -- IF YOU ARE NOT A GIRL, A TRANSVESTITE, A RIDICULOUSLY YOUNG PERSON (THEORETICALLY YOU MUST BE 19, BUT THIS IS NOT AT ALL ENFORCED), OR A GANG OF KIDS DOWN TO LOOK AT THE QUEERS (A PEJORATIVE TERM -- WE LIKE TO BE CALLED GAYS), HE WILL LET YOU IN.) HE WILL PRESS A BUTTON ON THE WALL; A BUZZER WILL SOUND; THE DOOR WILL REMAIN UNLOCKED AS LONG AS THE BUZZER IS SOUNDING.

AS YOU OPEN THE DOOR ON YOUR RIGHT, FEAR NOT THE MURAL OF CLASSICAL NUDE FEMALES ADORNING SAME. TAKE A QUICK LOOK AROUND THE ROOM AND THEN TURN LEFT AND WALK UP TO THE COUNTER AND TALK TO THE BOY SOME MORE. HE WILL GIVE YOU A FORM, A RED CARD WITH THE 69 SYMBOL ON IT, AND A YELLOW TICKET STUB WITH A NUMBER ON IT IN RED INK. GIVE HIM \$2.50 AND YOUR JACKET, AND IF YOU ARE FEELING GENEROUS, SLIP A QUARTER INTO THE GLASS DISH ON THE COUNTER.

ON THE FORM YOU WILL BE ASKED TO WRITE YOUR NAME AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF TWO REFERENCES. HAVE 3 FAKE NAMES AND ADDRESSES READY. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO WRITE YOUR MEASUREMENT. HAVE A FAKE NUMBER BETWEEN 0 AND INFINITY READY AND YOU CAN TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DO A LITTLE BOASTING EVEN IF IT ISN'T JUSTIFIED. SIGN YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOUR FAKE NAME -- IF YOU LOSE IT YOU DO NOT WANT IT RETURNED. THIS CARD ALLOWS YOU TO COME HERE AGAIN FOR ONLY \$2.00 ON WEEKENDS AND 75¢ ON WEEK NIGHTS. KEEP YOUR YELLOW STUB (THE WRITING IS ALMOST INVISIBLE, BUT THAT IS BECAUSE THE LIGHTING IS RED) AS IT IS USED FOR RECLAIMING YOUR JACKET WHEN YOU LEAVE.

IN RECENT MONTHS THE REFERENCES AND THE MEMBERSHIP CARD HAVE BEEN DISPENSED WITH. YOU STILL HAVE TO PAY AN EXTRA 50¢ THE FIRST TIME HOWEVER.

NOW TAKE A GOOD LOOK AROUND THE DARK SMOKE-FILLED ROOM (BOY THAT SOUNDS OMINOUS). ALL ALONG THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE ROOM IS A RED AND WHITE STRIPED CANOPY. UNDER THE CANOPY IS A LONG BLACK BAR. ALL ALONG THE BAR ARE HIGH ROUND STOOLS. ALL AROUND THE EDGES OF THE ROOM ARE 3-FOOT-DIAMETER TABLES COVERED WITH RED TABLECLOTHS. IN THE MIDDLE OF EACH TABLE IS A NET-COVERED RED GLASS CONTAINER. IN THE MIDDLE OF EACH CONTAINER IS A REAL BURNING CANDLE. SOME OF THE TABLES HAVE RED AND WHITE STRIPED UMBRELLAS SPROUTING OUT OF THEM.

ALONG THE LEFT WALL IS A HUGE MIRROR MADE UP OF SQUARES OF GLASS. IN THE CENTRE OF THE ROOM IS A CLEAR AREA PAVED WITH FLUORESCING LINOLEUM TILES. ABOVE THIS ARE RED FLUORESCENT TUBES AND ALSO TUBES WITH NO PHOSPHORS ON THEM. THESE TUBES GIVE OUT A DEEP PURPLE LIGHT THAT IS QUITE FAINT. THEY ALSO GIVE OUT A LOT OF ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION IE. BLACK LIGHT. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT YOUR WHITE TURTLENECK IS GLOWING FIERCELY WITH A BLUE-PURPLE CAST. IF THE THOUGHT OF GLOWING LIKE A CHRISTMAS TREE UPSETS YOU, THEN WEAR SOMETHING NON-WHITE.

IN VARIOUS PLACES AROUND THE ROOM ARE CRUDE PLASTER COPIES OF FAMOUS STATUES (HERCULES AND MICHELANGELO'S DAVID). IN THE FAR LEFT CORNER OF THE CLEAR AREA PAVED WITH LINOLEUM TILES IS A PLUMP JUKE BOX THAT CONTROLS GREEN, BLUE, AND RED LIGHTS THAT PULSE IN TIME TO 3 FREQUENCY RANGES OF MUSIC. LOUD CKLG-TYPE MUSIC BELTS FROM ITS 10 SPEAKERS PLACED STRATEGICALLY AROUND THE ROOM.

IN SUMMARY THE PLACE IS NOT MUCH TO LOOK AT.

WE HAVE PURPOSELY ARRIVED EARLY SO THAT THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 5 OTHER PEOPLE IN THE CLUB. THIS IS DONE TO EASE YOUR TRAUMA. AS THE EVENING PROGRESSES UP TO 100 PEOPLE WILL ARRIVE. THE CLUB CLOSES AT 4:00 A.M. BUT VERY FEW PEOPLE STAY THAT LATE. ABOUT 230 SHOW UP ON A SATURDAY NIGHT AND ABOUT 75 ON A WEEK NIGHT.

YOU WILL WANDER ABOUT IN A DAZE -- "A STRANGER IN PARADISE." YOU CAN BE SURE EVERY BOY HERE IS GAY OR AT LEAST EXPECTS YOU TO EXPECT HE IS. LOOK AROUND AND ENJOY THE FEELING OF PROFOUND SHOCK. ALL OF THE PEOPLE HERE LOOK PERFECTLY NORMAL!! THE BOYS HERE ARE MOSTLY IN THEIR TWENTIES, BUT THERE ARE SOME OLDER AND SOME YOUNGER PEOPLE. WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE I WANDERED ABOUT IN THIS SHOCK FOR TWO HOURS. SOME OF THE BOYS ARE INDESCRIBABLY HANDSOME -- THE KIND AFTER WHICH GIRLS WOULD CRAWL OVER MILES OF BROKEN GLASS. THEY ARE NOT THE FAIRIES SPOOFED ON T.V.

WHAT ARE THESE 100 PEOPLE DOING IN THIS DARK SMOKE-FILLED ROOM? NOTHING TOO TERRIBLY EVIL. SINCE THE ROOM IS SMOKE-FILLED YOU MIGHT DEDUCE THAT A GOODLY NUMBER OF THEM ARE SMOKING. THIS IS CORRECT. THERE IS A BAR BEHIND WHICH TWO DEVILISHLY HANDSOME BOYS RUN BACK AND FORTH FETCHING BOTTLES OF LIQUOR THAT BELONG TO THE CUSTOMERS AND SELLING MIXER, SOFT DRINKS, AND COFFEE FOR 25¢, SO OBVIOUSLY PEOPLE MUST BE DRINKING.

MANY PEOPLE NEED TO HAVE A DRINK BEFORE THEY CAN FEEL SOCIABLE. I DON'T THINK IT IS THE EFFECT OF THE LIQUOR SO MUCH AS THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT OF EQUATING SOCIALIZING WITH HAVING A GLASS IN YOUR HAND. IF YOU ARE ONE OF THESE PEOPLE, BRING SOME BOTTLED BEER. GIVE IT TO THE BOY BEHIND THE BAR AND HE WILL GIVE YOU 1 BEER TICKET FOR EACH BOTTLE YOU BROUGHT. AT ANY TIME DURING THE EVENING WHEN THIRST ASSAILS YOU, PRESENT HIM WITH A TICKET AND HE WILL GIVE YOU A BOTTLE (NOT USUALLY YOURS -- THIS WAY YOU CAN TRY OUT ALL THE DIFFERENT BRANDS). IF YOU DO NOT LIKE BEER, BRING A BOTTLE OF THE HARD STUFF LABELLED IN HUGE LETTERS (WITH YOUR NAME OF COURSE -- NOT "HARD STUFF"). HE WILL LABEL IT FOR YOU IF YOU FORGOT. GIVE IT TO THE BOY BEHIND THE BAR, AND WHEN YOU WANT A DRINK, ASK HIM TO RETRIEVE IT FOR YOU.

THERE ARE TABLES WITH CANDLES IN NET-COVERED RED GLASS CONTAINERS SO OBVIOUSLY PEOPLE MUST BE SITTING AROUND TALKING. IN FACT WHILE YOU WERE WALKING AROUND IN YOUR REVERIE (A VERY COMMON MODE OF TRANSPORTATION (SOMETIMES CALLED A TRANSPORT OF DELIGHT) FOR THE NEW GAY), THE GROUP ASSEMBLED AT 3 TABLES PUSHED TOGETHER. MUSIC STARTS BELTING FROM THE JUKE BOX AND PAIRS FROM THE GROUP HEAD OUT ONTO THE LUMINOUS DANCE FLOOR AND COMMENCE DANCING.

DANCING?? WA?? YES, VIRGINIA, BOYS DANCE WITH BOYS. IT IS NOT QUITE THE CULTURAL SHOCK YOU EXPECT IT WILL BE -- IT JUST SEEMS A BIT LUDICROUS AT FIRST -- NOT REALLY PERVERTED. MOST OF THE DANCING IS DONE TO EXTREMELY FAST MUSIC. THE PARTNERS DANCE AS IF THE OTHER DID NOT EXIST. THE DANCING IS EXCEEDINGLY FREE-FORM. I CAN GIVE NO INSTRUCTIONS HERE ON HOW TO DANCE, BUT WATCH PEOPLE AND PICK UP A FEW IDEAS. HOW YOU DANCE EXPRESSES A LOT ABOUT YOUR PERSONALITY SO I MUST REFRAIN FROM TELLING YOU HOW TO DO IT LEST YOU SHOULD EXUDE MINE. I AM KNOWN FOR EXTREMELY ANIMATED DANCING -- "WATCHIT KID! YOU ARE HEADED FOR A CARDIAC ARREST!" -- SO MUCH SO IT QUITE OFTEN EMBARRASSES MY PARTNER.

SLOW DANCING (EG. TO THE THEME FROM ROMEO AND JULIET) IS SOMETHING ELSE AGAIN. AS YOU LEARNED IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION 7 IN HIGH SCHOOL, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS IS THAT GIRLS DANCE BACKWARDS. IT WOULD PROVE AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE GAY WORLD IF DANCING IMPLIED THAT ONE PARTNER HAD TO BE THE GIRL. THUS AN EXTREMELY EGALITARIAN DANCING POSITION EVOLVED -- THE BEAR HUG. YOU BEAR-HUG YOUR PARTNER -- ALL BEAUTIFULLY SYMMETRICAL. YOU DANCE NEITHER FORWARDS NOT BACKWARDS -- BUT IN SLOW, WADDLING-FROM-ONE-FOOT-TO-THE-OTHER CLOCKWISE CIRCLES. THIS EXTREMELY INTRICATE DANCE CAN BE MASTERED IN ABOUT 2 MINUTES AFTER ABOUT 2 MINUTES SPENT DILIGENTLY STUDYING A GRAND MASTER'S TECHNIQUE.

SOME PEOPLE GET CARRIED AWAY WITH LIQUOR (AS THEY DO AT A STRAIGHT BAR) AND GET DRUNK, BUT NEVER VIOLENT. SOME PEOPLE GET CARRIED AWAY WITH EACH OTHER AND (AS THEY DO AT A STRAIGHT PARTY) START NECKING.

I WILL DISCUSS OTHER FORMS OF BEHAVIOUR PECULIAR TO THE GAY WORLD LATER BUT BY NOW YOU MUST BE ITCHING TO MEET SOMEONE. IF YOU ARE A PARTICULARLY HANDSOME BRUTE, SOMEONE WILL ALREADY HAVE ASKED YOU TO DANCE. WHATEVER YOU DO, SAY "YES!" EVEN IF HE HAS LEPROSY (HANSEN'S DISEASE IS NOT ALL THAT CONTAGIOUS) ACCEPT. THE REASON IS TWOFOLD. (WITH ALL THIS USE OF NUMBERS, THE MENTIONING OF A PROBABILITY APPROACHING ZERO, AND THE CAREFULLY MATCHED PARENTHESES OF UNEARTHLY DEPTHS, YOU MAY HAVE GUESSED I AM EITHER A MATHEMATICIAN OR A COMPUTER SCIENTIST -- ACTUALLY I AM BOTH AND ALSO A 23-YEAR-OLD (BORN FEBRUARY 4, 1948 IN VICTORIA, B.C.) GRADUATE MATHEMATICS STUDENT AND COMPUTER SCIENCE TEACHER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.)

1. IT IS EXTREMELY BAD MANNERS TO REFUSE TO DANCE WITH SOMEONE, AND IF YOU DO REFUSE, YOU WILL GET A BAD REPUTATION EVEN BEFORE YOU START. YOU ARE IN NO WAY COMMITTING YOURSELF TO THIS PERSON JUST BY ACCEPTING TO DANCE. IF YOU MUST REFUSE, USE THE POLITE FORM, "I AM WAITING FOR A FRIEND." RATHER THAN THE BALD-FACED "NO THANKS." IF YOU WANT TO EXTRICATE YOURSELF FROM HIM AT THE END OF THE DANCE, THANK HIM PROFUSELY, TURN, RUN, AND LOSE YOURSELF IN THE CROWD. THINK HOW YOU WOULD FEEL IF YOU FINALLY WHIPPED UP THE COURAGE TO ASK SOME DELICIOUS SWEET-YOUNG-THING TO DANCE, AND WERE CRUSHED WITH A "WITH YOU?"
2. WHEN THE DANCE IS OVER, TELL HIM YOU ARE NEW. "I AM NEW" ARE THE MAGIC WORDS THAT COMMAND ROYAL TREATMENT. HE WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO HIS FRIENDS. BE PREPARED TO LEARN 10 NAMES IN 1/4 AS MANY MINUTES. SURELY ONE OF HIS FRIENDS DOES NOT HAVE LEPROSY.

WHEN YOU ARE INTRODUCED YOU WILL SHAKE HANDS AND EXCHANGE FIRST NAMES ONLY -- USE YOUR REAL FIRST NAME. PEOPLE ARE A BIT FUNNY ABOUT TELLING THEIR LAST NAME UNTIL THEY GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER.

FROM THIS POINT ON YOU ARE ALLOWED TO TREAT THE PEOPLE WHOM YOU HAVE JUST MET AS THOUGH THEY WERE OLD FRIENDS. THIS IS MARKEDLY DIFFERENT FROM THE STRAIGHT WORLD. FEEL COMPLETELY FREE TO WALK UP TO ANY OF THEM TO START A CONVERSATION. IF YOU CAN USE HIS NAME WITHIN THE FIRST FEW SENTENCES, THEN YOU WILL MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION. DALE CARNEGIE ONCE SAID, "THE SWEETEST SOUND TO A MAN IS THE SOUND OF HIS OWN NAME."

IF YOU ARE NOT A PARTICULARLY HANDSOME BRUTE (IE. IF NO ONE HAS ASKED YOU TO DANCE) THEN ASK SOMEBODY! WHEN MY FORMER STEADY BOY FRIEND JOHN 'CAME OUT' (DISCOVERED THE GAY WORLD) IN AUGUST 1968, HE WENT TO A CLUB AND STOOD AROUND FOR 5 WHOLE EVENINGS BEFORE HE GOT A SINGLE DANCE. IT WAS ONLY WHEN HE GOT UP ENOUGH NERVE TO START ASKING OTHER PEOPLE THAT HE HAD ANY FUN. JUST AS IN THE STRAIGHT WORLD, YOU CANNOT MEET PEOPLE HALF WAY; YOU HAVE TO MEET THEM THREE QUARTERS OF THE WAY.

YOU WILL GET YOUR FIRST FEW DANCES BECAUSE I TOLD PEOPLE TO ASK YOU. AFTER THAT YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN. IF YOU JUST SIT THERE THE PROBABILITY OF EVER GETTING ANOTHER DANCE IS ABOUT .000000001. YOU HAVE TO SCREW UP YOUR COURAGE AND ASK SOMEONE!

IF YOU ARE NOT A PARTICULARLY HANDSOME BRUTE AND YOU ARE PARTICULARLY COWARDLY, THEN TRY THIS. WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE A GROUP OF PEOPLE TALKING (PREFERABLY MORE THAN TWO PEOPLE). SIDLE UP AND LISTEN IN ON THE CONVERSATION.

WHEN YOU HAVE DECIDED THAT SOME OF THESE PEOPLE ARE WORTH MEETING, SAY SOMETHING WITTY IF YOU CAN MANAGE IT OR FAILING THAT, SOMETHING JUST PLAIN RELEVANT TO THE CONVERSATION. A SHORT WHILE LATER, MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WILL BEGIN TO WONDER WHO THIS DAZZLING CONVERSATIONALIST IS AND WILL ASK YOU TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO THE ASSEMBLY AND THEY IN TURN WILL INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO YOU.

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AFTER SUCH A LURID HEADLINE I WILL TRY TO BE AS OBJECTIVE AS POSSIBLE JUST TO AVOID BREAKING ANY OBSCENITY LAW. YET WHAT I HAVE TO SAY WILL BE PRETTY RAW STUFF AND SOUNDS PRETTY GROTTY (YOU WILL NOT FIND THAT IN THE DICTIONARY -- BUT IT SORT OF SOUNDS LIKE IT MEANS) WITHOUT A MORE SUBJECTIVE TONE.

IF YOU ARE DANCING WITH SOMEONE, YOU WILL GET AN ERECTION. IF YOU DO NOT, GO TO SEE A DOCTOR. IE. IT IS NO BIG THING (PARDON THE PUN) TO GET AN ERECTION WHEN YOU ARE DANCING SLOWLY WITH SOMEONE. 9 BOYS IN 10 ON THE DANCE FLOOR HAVE ERECTIONS. 1 BOY IN 10 IS DANCING WITH SOMEONE HE DOES NOT LIKE. YOUR PARTNER WILL DANCE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO FORCE YOU TO HAVE AN ERECTION -- SO DO NOT FEEL LIKE A PRICK WHEN HE SUCCEEDS.

IF ON THE OTHER HAND YOU DO NOT GET AN ERECTION DO NOT FEEL IMPOTENT. MOST GUYS WHO HAVE BEEN OUT FOR A WHILE SELDOM GET ERECTIONS WHILE DANCING. DANCES DO NOT HAVE TO BE WRESTLING MATCHES.

IF WHEN YOU ARE DANCING SLOWLY YOUR PARTNER ASKS, "DO YOU LIVE ALONE?" HE MEANS "I HAVE NO PLACE TO GO. DO YOU? IF YOU DO, HOW ABOUT GOING THERE RIGHT NOW BECAUSE I AM HORNIER THAN A HOOT OWL."

IF WHEN YOU ARE DANCING SLOWLY YOUR PARTNER ASKS: "HOW ABOUT COMING OVER TO MY PLACE TO FEED MY PET PIRANHA, TO SEE MY REMBRANDT ETCHINGS, TO HAVE SOME COFFEE GROUND BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES FROM KONA COFFEE BEANS, TO HEAR MY RECORDING OF DON CARLOS PLAYING VARIATIONS ON BACH'S BRANDENBURG CONCERTI ON THE MOOG SYNTHESIZER, TO SEE MY NEW CHESTERFIELD (GOT TO WATCH THAT TYPE)," OR UTTERS THE MORE BLUNT "LET'S LEAVE." HE MEANS "COME ON KID -- I CAN'T WAIT A MINUTE LONGER."

AS A FIRST TIMER, YOU SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM ANYONE WHO IS VERY GOOD-LOOKING. FIND SOMEONE WHO IS ABOUT 5 YEARS OLDER THAN YOU WHO IS NOT STUNNINGLY HANDSOME. HE WILL BE MORE UNDERSTANDING THAN ANY YOUNG GUY COULD BE. ALSO PICK SOMEONE WHO HAS HAD A FAIR BIT OF SEXUAL EXPERIENCE -- ANOTHER VIRGIN WILL PROBABLY MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE A COMPLETE AND UTTER FAILURE WHEN EVERYTHING GOES WRONG AS IT INEVITABLY DOES ON YOUR FIRST TIME. A KIND, EXPERIENCED PERSON WILL NOT EXPECT SO MUCH OF YOU.

IF YOU ACCEPT (OR IF YOUR INVITATION IS ACCEPTED) THEN YOU WILL ASK ONE OF THE BOYS BEHIND THE BAR TO CALL A TAXI FOR YOU. (THIS IS A FREE SERVICE.) YOU THEN RETRIEVE YOUR COAT (REMEMBER THE YELLOW STUB?) AND WAIT INSIDE THE DOOR UNTIL THE CAB ARRIVES. IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR THE PERSON TO WHOSE HOUSE YOU ARE GOING TO PAY THE CAB -- BUT BE READY TO PAY IF YOUR PARTNER IS AT ALL SLOW IN FORKING OVER THE LOOT.

NOW WHEN YOU GET TO HIS PLACE YOU USUALLY HAVE COFFEE, FEED THE PET PIRANHA OR WHATEVER AND THEN JUMP INTO BED. MOST OF THE CONVERSING IS DONE THE NEXT MORNING. NEARLY ALWAYS YOU UNDRESS YOURSELF. WHAT GOES ON FROM NOW ON IS PART OF YOUR LIFE STYLE AND PERSONALITY. JUST AS WITH FAST DANCING, I DO NOT WISH TO GIVE EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, I DO NOT WANT ANYTHING UNEXPECTED TO HAPPEN TO YOU. YOUR PARTNER WILL DELIGHT IN TEACHING YOU -- SO I MUST NOT STEAL TOO MUCH OF HIS THUNDER.

BUT YOU WILL DEFINITELY BE EXPECTED TO KISS YOUR PARTNER. KISSING IS NOT AT ALL LIKE IT IS IN THE MOVIES. YOU RARELY JUST PRESS LIPS TOGETHER. MOST OF THE TIME YOU USE YOUR TONGUE TO EXPLORE THE OTHER'S MOUTH, TEETH, TONGUE, THROAT, LIPS AND THE LIKE. YOU CAN SUCK ON YOUR PARTNER'S LIPS, TONGUE, ETC. IF YOU ARE NOT USED TO DOING THIS WITH GIRLS, THEN IT WILL FEEL UNSANITARY, BUT AFTER A WHILE YOU WILL PROBABLY DEVELOP A GREAT TASTE FOR THIS ACTIVITY.

IF YOUR PARTNER HAS STUBBLE ON HIS FACE, ASK HIM TO SHAVE. IF YOU DO NOT ASK HIM, THEN YOUR FACE WILL BE RUBBED RAW AND IT WILL LIKELY BLEED. THIS FACIAL CONDITION WILL RAISE GREAT MATERNAL ALARM AND IT IS VERY HARD TO EXPLAIN. THAT IS WHY YOU WERE SO CONSIDERATE AND SHAVED WITH A SCHICK STAINLESS STEEL BLADE -- LATHERING TWICE.

(I DO NOT OWN ANY SHARES IN THE SCHICK RAZOR COMPANY, LEVIS, GWG, MACLEANS, LAJORIS, OR EVEN THE B&B.)

YOU WILL FIND THAT SEX WITH A BOY CAN BE A LOT MORE FUN THAN SEX WITH A GIRL. ONE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT YOU CAN BE A LOT ROUGHER WITH A BOY, SO YOU NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT BRUISING HIM OR LETTING TOO MUCH WEIGHT REST ON HIM. ANOTHER REASON IS THAT GAY PEOPLE ARE A LOT MORE INVENTIVE IN BED AND HAVE FEWER HANGUPS ABOUT TRYING DIFFERENT THINGS.

CHANCES ARE YOUR PARTNER WILL ASK YOU TO DO SOMETHING YOU FIND DISGUSTING, EG. HAVE SEX WITH THE LIGHTS ON OR PUT ON A SOU' WESTER AND GUMBOOTS AND CHASE HIM AROUND THE ROOM BEATING HIM WITH A WET SALMON. WHATEVER YOU DO, REFUSE, BUT REFUSE IN SUCH A WAY THAT HE IS NOT MADE TO FEEL LIKE A DREADFUL PERVERT.

NOW WHAT ARE SOME OF THE DISGUSTING IMMORAL THINGS HE WILL EXPECT YOU TO DO? NEARLY ALWAYS YOU WILL SUCK HIS PENIS AND HE WILL SUCK YOURS. TECHNICALLY SUCKING IS CALLED FELLATIO AND PUTTING YOUR PENIS IN ANOTHER'S MOUTH IS CALLED IRRUMATIO. MUTUAL FELLATIO IS CALLED 69. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER WHEN GIVING A BLOW JOB (SUCKING) IS TO BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR TEETH AS THEY CAN HURT MIGHTILY. TRY PULLING YOUR LIPS IN OVER YOUR TEETH AS THOUGH YOU WERE TRYING TO IMPERSONATE A TOOTHLESS OLD GRANNY. THE NEXT MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO PREVENT YOUR PARTNER FROM PUSHING HIS PENIS TOO FAR INTO YOUR THROAT CAUSING INVOLUNTARY VOMITTING. WRAP YOUR FINGERS AROUND THE ROOT OF HIS PENIS SO THAT YOUR HAND BLOCKS FURTHER ENTRY BY BUMPING INTO YOUR FACE SHOULD HE PUSH IN TOO FAR. WHEN YOU BECOME MORE EXPERIENCED YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE VOMITTING REACTION AND WILL BE ABLE TO ALLOW HIM TO PUSH HIS PENIS IN AS FAR AS HE LIKES.

TRY TO SALIVATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AS SLIPPERINESS CAUSES DELICIOUS SENSATIONS. REMEMBER THAT YOUR MOUTH IS NOT A PASSIVE HOLE -- USE YOUR TONGUE. FELLATIO IS NOT USUALLY AN EXCLUSIVE ACTIVITY; IT IS USED FOR VARIETY. BUT SHOULD YOUR PARTNER HAVE AN ORGASM WHILE YOU ARE SUCKING HIM, NORMALLY YOU WILL SWALLOW THE SEMEN. IF THE THOUGHT OF THIS DISGUSTS YOU HOWEVER, HAVE A KLEENEX READY TO SPIT INTO.

MOST GAY PEOPLE MAKE NO BONES AT ALL ABOUT HAVING A LOT MORE EROGENOUS ZONES THAN THE AVERAGE STRAIGHT BOY WILL ADMIT TO HAVING. THESE ARE LIKELY PLACES TO FIND EROGENOUS ZONES :

1. EAR LOBES AND EARS
2. JUST BELOW THE EARS JUST BEHIND THE JAW
3. NECK AND COLLARBONES
4. LIPS
5. NIPPLES
6. SCROTUM AND PENIS
7. PERINEUM AND INSIDES OF THIGHS
8. ANUS

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH AN EROGENOUS ZONE WHEN YOU FIND IT? YOU CAN KISS IT, SUCK IT, RUN YOUR TONGUE OVER IT, LICK IT, TICKLE IT, RUB IT, MANIPULATE IT, PRESS IT, SCRATCH IT, OR FLICK IT. YOU HAVE TO PLAY AROUND A LOT TO FIND OUT WHAT COMBINATIONS PLEASE YOUR PARTNER.

NOW FOR A FEW PARAGRAPHS ON THE PECULIAR HABIT OF SCREWING. TO SCREW SOMEONE MEANS YOU PUT YOUR VASELINE-COVERED PENIS INTO HIS ANUS AND SLIDE IT IN AND OUT. THIS EXCITES BOTH PARTIES AS THE SCREWER HAS HIS PENIS RUBBED AND WARMED AND THE SCREWEE (IF I MAY BE PERMITTED TO COIN A TERM) HAS HIS ANAL SPHINCTER AND PROSTATE GLAND MASSAGED BY THE SLIDING PENIS. IN THIS WAY ONE OR OTHER OR EVEN BOTH OF THE PARTIES CAN 'COME' (REACH AN ORGASM). OTHER LUBRICANTS RESIDES VASELINE CAN BE USED: JOHNSON & JOHNSON'S KY RECTAL THERMOMETER LUBRICANT, BABY OIL, MAZULA, PEANUT BUTTER (SMOOTH STYLE, NOT CRUNCHY, PLEASE) AND EVEN BUTTER IN A PINCH.

FOR SOME INEXPLICABLE REASON NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO EXPLAIN TO ME, THERE IS NO DREADFUL FECAL MESS, THERE IS NO DREADFUL FECAL ODOR, THERE IS NOTHING AT ALL TO DO WITH SHIT. BECAUSE YOU ARE AN ANALY EROGENOUS PERSON DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT YOU LIKE TO BE SCREWED. THE IDEAL SCREWER HAS A LONG (SO HE CAN REACH) THIN (SO HE WON'T HURT THE SCREWEE) RIGID (SO HE WON'T BEND ON TRYING TO ENTER) PENIS. HE IS ABLE TO SCREW FROM THE FRONT, OR ON HIS BACK WITH THE SCREWEE SITTING OR KNEELING ON HIM WHEREAS OTHER PEOPLE HAVE TO SCREW FROM BEHIND.

IF YOU ARE SCREWING SOMEONE, SEE TO IT THAT BOTH HIS ANAL SPHINCTER AND THE GLANS OF YOUR PENIS ARE WELL LUBRICATED. PRESS YOUR PENIS VERY GENTLY AND RHYTHMICALLY AGAINST HIS ANUS. GRADUALLY TAKE DEEPER AND DEEPER STROKES SO THAT YOU PENETRATE A FRACTION OF A MILLIMETER FURTHER AT EACH THRUST. IF HE REGISTERS ANY PAIN, WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY OR ELSE HE WILL BE IN EXCRUCIATING AGONY FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. ONCE YOU CAN GET GOING, HE WILL LOOSEN UP AND YOU CAN SCREW AS VIOLENTLY AS YOU WANT -- THE MORE VIOLENTLY THE BETTER. TRY NOT TO COME TOO SOON -- A TERRIBLE TEMPTATION. IF YOU DO COME ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER PENETRATION, YOU WILL FIND THAT IF YOU KEEP UP THE RHYTHMICAL THRUSTS, YOUR PENIS WILL NOT DEFLATE AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE FOR QUITE A WHILE BEFORE YOUR SECOND ORGASM. THE SENSATION OF SCREWING A GUY IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THAT OF SCREWING A GIRL.

IF YOU ARE BEING SCREWED, RELAX COMPLETELY. ASK YOUR PARTNER TO RUB YOUR BACK OR ANY SUCH THING THAT WILL RELAX YOU. IF HE HAS ANY TROUBLE ENTERING, TRY TO OPEN YOUR SPHINCTER BY PRETENDING YOU ARE TAKING A SHIT. IF AT ANY TIME YOU FEEL PAIN, QUICKLY PRETEND YOU ARE TAKING A SHIT AND ASK HIM TO WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU SUDDENLY SEIZE UP -- WHICH HAPPENS IF YOU FEEL PAIN -- IT MAKES IT EVEN WORSE -- SO YOU HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO RELAX. IF YOU EXPECT PAIN, YOU SEIZE UP, AND YOU FEEL PAIN. IF YOU EXPECT EXCRUCIATING PLEASURE, YOU RELAX AND YOU FEEL EXCRUCIATING PLEASURE. IF YOU ARE NOT ONE OF THOSE RARE PEOPLE WHO CAN COME FROM ANAL STIMULATION ALONE, THEN ASK YOUR PARTNER TO MANIPULATE YOUR PENIS, OR MANIPULATE IT YOURSELF IF HE IS TOO BUSY LOOKING AFTER OTHER THINGS. AS YOU BECOME MORE AND MORE EXCITED, YOUR SPHINCTER WILL AUTOMATICALLY RELAX AND NATURAL LUBRICANTS WILL START TO FLOW. YOU WILL FEEL NO PAIN NO MATTER HOW WILDLY YOU OR YOUR PARTNER THRASH ABOUT, AND YOU WILL NOT HURT YOURSELF EITHER. THE ONLY TIME YOU CAN HURT YOURSELF IS AT THE START IF YOU TRY TO GET HIS PENIS IN TOO QUICKLY. SOME BOYS COMPARE BEING SCREWED TO TAKING A SHIT; OTHERS SAY IT IS ECSTASY. THE SENSATION OF BEING SCREWED BY A GUY HAS NO EQUIVALENT IN HETEROSEXUAL SEX.

THIS PARTICULAR ACTIVITY HAS SUCH EXAGGERATED IMPORTANCE THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT YOU WILL BE ASKED (AS A GENERAL SORT OF QUESTION -- ON THE LEVEL OF "WHERE WERE YOU BORN?") WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES YOU FALL IN:

0. YOU WILL HAVE NOTHING WHATEVER TO DO WITH THIS BESTIAL PRACTICE TECHNICALLY KNOWN AS PENETRATION PER ANUM OR IN UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPERS AS GREEK CULTURE. (ABOUT 35% OF THE GAY POPULATION IS IN THIS CATEGORY.)
1. YOU ARE AN EXCLUSIVE SCREWER (ABOUT 5% OF THE GAY POPULATION IS)
2. YOU ARE AN EXCLUSIVE SCREWEE (ABOUT 40% OF THE GAY POPULATION IS)
3. YOU ARE BOTH A SCREWER AND A SCREWEE THOUGH NOT USUALLY SIMULTANEOUSLY (ABOUT 20% OF THE GAY POPULATION IS)

(IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT BOOLEAN LOGIC OR PL/I BIT STRINGS, THEN YOU MIGHT KNOW WHY I STARTED NUMBERING WITH 0. IT IS NOT MEANT AS ANY FORM OF DISRESPECT TO CATEGORY 0 PEOPLE.)

NEVER ASK AN EXCLUSIVE SCREWEE TO SCREW, AND NEVER ASK AN EXCLUSIVE SCREWER TO SUBMIT TO BEING SCREWED AS THIS IS A VERY HUMILIATING EXPERIENCE. READ MYRA BRECKINRIDGE BY GORE VIDAL FOR A FUNNY STORY OF HOW A MAN WHO WAS HUMILIATINGLY SCREWED FINALLY GOT HIS/HER REVENGE.

WHAT DO CATEGORY 0 PEOPLE DO (AND OTHERS FOR VARIETY) IF THEY DO NOT SCREW? THEY CAN PERFORM 69 -- MUTUAL FELLATIO. THIS IS NOT NEARLY AS COMMON AS YOU MIGHT THINK FROM THE B&B'S UBQUITOUSLY DISPLAYED 69 SYMBOL. THEY MIGHT MASTURBATE EACH OTHER USING THEIR HANDS. THEY MIGHT MASTURBATE EACH OTHER INTERCRURALLY. THEY MIGHT MASTURBATE BY PRESSING THEIR PENES ON THE OTHER'S STOMACH (WITH A LOT OF HIP AND REAR END MOVEMENT). SOME PEOPLE JUST WANT TO SLEEP IN EACH OTHERS ARMS WITHOUT ANY MASTURBATION OF ANY KIND.

AS A GENERAL RULE, TRY NOT TO COME TOO QUICKLY AS IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO BUILD UP THAT DELICIOUS TENSION. BUT THEN AGAIN DON'T DELAY YOUR ORGASM SO LONG THAT YOUR PARTNER GOES HOME WITHOUT EVER WATCHING YOU COME. DO NOT EVER MANIPULATE YOURSELF (UNLESS HE ASKS YOU TO) AS THIS IS VERY INSULTING TO HIM. IF YOU CAN COME MORE THAN ONCE, BY ALL MEANS DO SO.

TRY TO COME JUST BEFORE YOUR PARTNER DOES. IF YOU SUCCEED, AND IF YOU ARE LIKE MOST PEOPLE, YOU WILL EXPERIENCE A QUICK DROP IN SEX DRIVE IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOUR ORGASM, BUT REMEMBER THAT YOUR PARTNER WILL STILL BE HIGHLY EXCITED -- EVEN MORE SO AFTER JUST WITNESSING YOUR 'BIG O.'. DO NOT LEAVE HIM HANGING; FINISH HIM OFF IN SOME WAY OR ANOTHER.

IF YOU DO NOT SUCCEED AND YOUR PARTNER COMES FIRST, REMEMBER THAT HE IS GOING TO CALM DOWN QUITE QUICKLY. RESTRAIN YOUR ARDOUR FOR A WHILE -- LET HIM GET SOME SLEEP BEFORE PESTERING HIM AGAIN.

NOW YOU HAVE A CONFECTION OF INFORMATIONS THERE TO DIGEST (AND GET HORNY OVER) SO THAT YOU WILL NOT FEEL COMPLETELY AT SEA WHEN IT COMES TO PHYSICAL SEX.

I WILL NOW DISCUSS THREE HABITS PECULIAR TO GAY PEOPLE. THE FIRST HABIT (THAT, TO THIS DAY STILL GRATES ON MY NERVE ENDINGS) IS THE WAY GAY PEOPLE FREQUENTLY REFER TO ONE ANOTHER AS "SHE" INSTEAD OF "HE". THE SECOND IS THE GREETING KISS. WHEN TWO OLD FRIENDS MEET, THEY KISS LIKE VISITING RUSSIAN LEADERS OR LIKE MAIDEN AUNTS AT COUSIN MILDRED'S WEDDING. THIS KISS IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE SEXUAL KISS DESCRIBED EARLIER.

THE THIRD HABIT IS THE WAY GAY PEOPLE TOUCH ONE ANOTHER. THE CLUB IS VERY CROWDED AND YOU ARE FOREVER BUMPING INTO PEOPLE. THERE IS NEVER ANY NEED FOR AN APOLOGY AS THERE WOULD BE IN A STRAIGHT PLACE. PEOPLE SEEM TO ENJOY BUMPING LIGHTLY INTO ONE ANOTHER. PEOPLE WHO YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN IN YOUR LIFE WILL COME UP TO YOU AND PUT THEIR ARMS AROUND YOUR SHOULDERS. IT IS LIKELY

THAT IF YOU GET TRIPPED OR HIT, THAT SOMEONE DID IT TO START A CONVERSATION. ONCE YOU GET USED TO THIS THIRD HABIT (AND IT DOES NOT TAKE TOO LONG) IT TAKES ON A WARM FRIENDLY MEANING AND STRAIGHT MANNERS SEEM COLD IN COMPARISON.

** ISN'T THERE ANY OTHER WAY OF COMING OUT? **

THERE ARE ANY REASONS WHY THE ABOVE METHOD OF COMING OUT MAY NOT APPEAL TO YOU. IF FOR INSTANCE YOU WISH TO DO THE WHOLE THING ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT MY HELP THEN YOU CAN DO THIS:

IT IS FRIDAY EVENING. WALK PAST THE B&B A FEW HUNDRED TIMES. BY SATURDAY YOU WILL HAVE GENERATED ENOUGH NERVE TO CHARGE RIGHT IN.

TELL YOUR PARENTS OR WHATEVER THAT YOU ARE GOING TO A MOVIE AND THAT AFTERWARDS YOU ARE GOING TO VISIT SOME FRIENDS. THIS WAY IF YOU DO NOT SHOW UP UNTIL THE NEXT AFTERNOON, YOU CAN SAY IT GOT SO LATE THAT YOU SPENT THE NIGHT THERE, AND CONVERSELY IF YOU WANDER IN AT 4 A.M. YOU HAVE AN EXCUSE.

GO TO A MOVIE ON THEATRE ROW (A SECTION OF GRANVILLE STREET). YOU WILL GIVE CREDIBILITY TO YOUR WHOLE STORY WHEN YOU CAN DESCRIBE A MOVIE (WHICH VALIDATES PART OF IT). EVEN IF YOU LIVE ALONE OR IF YOU LIVE WITH UNDERSTANDING FRIENDS, GO TO A MOVIE -- IT WILL RELAX YOU AND WILL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO DO UNTIL 11:30 OR MIDNIGHT, WHEN THE MOVIE LETS OUT. CONTRARY TO LIFE MAGAZINE'S STATEMENTS, THE PROBABILITY APPROACHES ZERO THAT YOU WILL MEET GAY PEOPLE IN THE BACK ROW OF MOVIE THEATRES.

WHEN THE MOVIE LETS OUT (I ASSUME YOU ARE AT THE CAPITOL, DOWNTOWNER, VOGUE, NEW ODEON=UN=GRANVILLE, ETC. DON'T GO TO THE STUDIO -- IT IS A HELL HOLE WITH A NASTY MANAGER WHO REFUSES TO ADMIT PEOPLE HE SUSPECTS ARE GAY. HE IS VERY LOUSY AT DISCRIMINATING. HE ALSO MISREPRESENTS THE MOVIES HE SHOWS IN HIS ADVERTISEMENTS BY MAKING THEM LOOK LIKE SKIN FLICKS WHEN THEY ARE NOT.) WALK SOUTH ON GRANVILLE STREET UNTIL THE LAST CROSS STREET BEFORE GRANVILLE BRIDGE, IE. DRAKE STREET. WALK TWO BLOCKS EAST ON DRAKE STREET (PAST SEYMOUR STREET) TO RICHARDS STREET. WALK SOUTH ON THE WEST SIDE OF RICHARDS PAST THE CANADIAN LINEN SUPPLY PARKING LOT TO 1369 RICHARDS. LO! YOU ARE AT THE B&B.

IF YOU HAVE A FAIR AMOUNT OF NERVE, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MEET PEOPLE ON YOUR OWN, HOWEVER YOU MAY GET COLD FEET ONCE YOU GET INSIDE THE CLUB.

IF YOU ARE PLAIN CHICKENSHIT FROM THE WORD GO, THEN RUN ABOUT ASKING PEOPLE "ARE YOU ROEDY?". CHANCES ARE THEY WILL SAY "NO, WHAT DOES ROEDY MEAN?". ROEDY (PRONOUNCED KHU' DEE) IS NOT AN ADJECTIVE. IT IS MY NAME. IF YOU CAN PRONOUNCE IT WITH A CAPITAL 'R' THEN YOU WILL NOT HAVE THIS PROBLEM. DO NOT RUN AWAY AS YOU HAVE JUST STARTED A RATHER UNUSUAL CONVERSATION.

IF YOU ARE A SINCERE COWARD -- OR PERHAPS A CURIOUS TYPE WHO WANTS TO SEE WHAT KIND OF PERSON PUTS ADS IN UNDERGROUND PAPERS -- THEN YOU CAN RESTRICT YOUR ASKINGS TO PEOPLE OVER SIX FEET (I AM 6 FEET 3 INCHES TALL) AND WHO HAVE SINKEN-IN EYES (EUPHEMISTICALLY KNOWN AS DEEP-SET EYES). THERE ARE VERY FEW PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO HAVE THE ATTRIBUTES (NAME=ROEDY & HEIGHT=6'3" & EYES=PIT-LIKE) CONCURRENTLY, SO CHANCES ARE IF THE PERSON SAYS "YES", IT WILL BE ME. USUALLY I WEAR A VIOLENT YELLOW TURTLENECK THAT GLOWS UNDER ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT. IF I AM WEARING MY GLASSES, THEY WILL BE HELD ON WITH A BASKETBALL STRAP. MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO WORK AT THE CLUB KNOW WHO I AM SO THEY CAN DIRECT YOU TO ME.

WHEN YOU FIND ME I WILL DO TWO THINGS:

1. I WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO ALL MY FRIENDS WHO ARE PRESENT THAT PARTICULAR EVENING.
2. I WILL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS NOT ANSWERED IN THIS BLURB OR I WILL ARRANGE TO MEET YOU ELSEWHERE ELSETIME FOR SUCH A CONVERSATION.

PERHAPS YOU ARE AN OLDER GAY WHO FEELS HE WILL NOT FIT INTO THE B&B SCENE. I WILL TAKE YOU TO A CLUB CALLED THE AUGUST THAT SPECIALIZES IN ENTERTAINING BUSINESSMEN. IT HAS A CABARET LICENSE WHICH MEANS YOU CAN BUY LIQUOR THERE.

PERHAPS YOU ARE A HIP YOUNG GUY WHO IS PUT OFF BY ALL THAT TALK OF SHAVING. I WILL TAKE YOU TO FACES (IF YOU WANT TO MEET DRUG USERS) OR TO CHARLIE'S (IF YOU WANT TO MEET THE 'EARTH-HIP' TYPES). I WILL PUT YOU IN CONTACT WITH THE YOUNG HIP PEOPLE IN THE GAY LIBERATION FRONT WHO ARE PUT OFF BY THE CRUISEY ATMOSPHERE OF THE CLUBS, AND WHO WANT LESS IMPERSONAL WAYS OF MEETING PEOPLE.

IF YOU ARE A WOMAN I WILL TAKE YOU TO CHARLIE'S III OR CHAMPAGNE CHARLIE'S OR B.J.'S. I WILL PUT YOU IN CONTACT WITH A NUMBER OF LESBIAN FRIENDS OF MINE WHO CAN ANSWER ALL THOSE QUESTIONS THAT THIS BOOKLET DOES NOT BEGIN TO ANSWER.

IF YOU ARE A MAN WHO DOES NOT LIKE SMOKE, DRINK, AND CROWDS I WILL TAKE YOU TO THE BULL RING. I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT THE VARIOUS GROUPS WE HAVE ORGANIZED SUCH AS: A CHESS CLUB, A BRIDGE CLUB, A CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP, AN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS CELL, AN OVER 30 CLUB AND A SWIMMING CLUB.

IF YOU DO NOT LIVE IN TOWN, I WILL BE ABLE TO SEND YOU THE NAME OF SOMEONE WHO LIVES REASONABLY CLOSE THAT WILL HELP YOU OUT BY TALKING TO YOU AND BY INTRODUCING YOU TO THE GAY CIRCLES OF YOUR AREA. IF YOU WANT TO SEND ME A WRITE-UP ABOUT YOURSELF, YOUR INTERESTS, YOUR AGE -- ANYTHING YOU FEEL IS RELEVANT, I WILL PASS A COPY OF IT ALONG TO SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN YOUR AREA WHO FIT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE KIND OF PEOPLE YOU WANT THE MATERIAL SENT TO. ENCLOSE A FEW PHOTOGRAPHS AS WELL -- THE KIND MACHINES COUGH OUT 4 FOR 25¢.

I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU MEET ANY OF THE LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF GAY GIRLS AND GUYS I KNOW. I DON'T LIKE PLAYING MATCHMAKER BECAUSE PEOPLE FEEL FORCED TO BE NICE TO EACH OTHER JUST BECAUSE I LINED THEM UP. SOMETIMES THEY GIVE UP AFTER THEIR FIRST EXPERIENCE AND SOMEHOW FEEL ALL GAYS ARE LIKE THE FIRST ONE. WHAT I PREFER TO DO IS GATHER AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE IN ONE PLACE VIZ. MY APARTMENT OR THE CLUB AND LET THEM DO THEIR OWN MATCHMAKING. ONLY YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE YOU LIKE.

THE INSTRUCTIONS I GAVE WERE ABOUT HOW TO GO TO THE B&B (SHORT FOR BETWIXT AND BETWEEN) PRIVATE SOCIAL CLUB IN VANCOUVER. BUT IF YOU CANNOT GO TO THIS PARTICULAR CLUB, THE PROCEDURE I DESCRIBED WILL WORK (WITH MINOR VARIATIONS I AM SURE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO COPE WITH) AT ANY OF THE PRIVATE CLUBS MENTIONED IN THE APPENDIX.

GAY FRIENDS

PLEASE EXPECT NO SEX ON YOUR FIRST TIME OUT. THE MAIN THING I CAN DO FOR YOU IS FIND YOU A FRIEND THAT YOU CAN TALK TO. AS FOR SEX -- YOU WILL BE TOO AWKWARD AT FIRST AND YOU WILL BE TOO EAGER AND SO YOU MUST NOT EXPECT SOME HANDSOME YOUTH WRAPPED IN GOLD FOIL TO BE PLOPPED IN YOUR LAP. IT TAKES A FEW WEEKS TO RELAX AND TO CATCH ON TO THINGS AND SO SEX TAKES CARE OF ITSELF ONLY AFTER A FEW WEEKS.

BUT IF YOU ARE A VERY SHY PERSON, IT WILL TAKE A LOT LONGER BEFORE YOUR SEX LIFE TAKES OFF. BECAUSE YOU CAN HAVE SEX WITH SOMEONE YOU HAVE TO GET TO KNOW THEM, AND IF YOU ARE FRIGHTENED YOU WILL SEEM UNFRIENDLY AND WILL NEVER GET TO KNOW ANYONE. THIS PROBLEM IS ESPECIALLY ACUTE FOR PEOPLE 26 AND OVER. AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF HIDING THEIR HOMOSEXUALITY, THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN HOW TO BE OPEN WITH PEOPLE. THEY HAVE NO CLOSE FRIENDS AS CLOSE FRIENDS MIGHT FIND OUT THEIR DREADFUL SECRET. THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS -- STRAIGHT OR GAY.

IF YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE, GO TO THE LIBRARY AND GET A BOOK ON MAKING FRIENDS SUCH AS DALE CARNEGIE'S "HOW TO WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE." ALSO YOU WILL HAVE TO BE PATIENT WITH YOURSELF, AS IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO BREAK DOWN ALL THOSE BARRIERS YOU BUILT UP AROUND YOURSELF DURING THOSE LONG YEARS OF FEELING SO ALONE. DON'T EXPECT PEOPLE TO BE FRIENDLY TO YOU UNTIL YOU CAN LEARN TO BE OUTGOING YOURSELF.

YOU MAY FIND CLUBS VERY DEPRESSING AS THEY ARE DESIGNED FOR EXTROVERTED PEOPLE. TRY BREAKING INTO THE GAY WORLD THROUGH OTHER MEANS -- SUCH AS OUR CHESS CLUB. DON'T FEEL YOU ARE A FAILURE JUST BECAUSE YOU CANNOT FIT INTO THE SOCIAL SWIRL OF GAY LIFE CENTRED AROUND THE PRIVATE SOCIAL CLUBS -- THERE IS LOTS MORE TO GAY LIFE THAN THAT, BUT IT TAKES A LITTLE MORE PATIENCE TO FIND IT AND BREAK INTO IT.

DON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF HEADING OFF TO THE CLUB EACH WEEK JUST FOR SEX. IT WON'T TAKE MORE THAN 6 MONTHS BEFORE THE EMPTINESS OF SUCH A LIFE WILL SEND YOU INTO A SUICIDAL DEPRESSION. TRY TO MAKE FRIENDS AND TREAT THOSE NEW FRIENDS WITH THE SAME RESPECT YOU WOULD YOUR STRAIGHT FRIENDS. SOME GAYS DON'T THINK TWICE ABOUT BREAKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH ANOTHER GAY -- GIVING NO NOTICE. IF EVEN YOU DON'T CONSIDER YOUR GAY FRIENDS AS EQUALS TO YOUR STRAIGHT FRIENDS, HOW CAN YOU EXPECT STRAIGHTS TO ACCEPT US AS EQUALS?

IF YOU WANT TO GET RID OF YOUR GUILT ABOUT YOUR HOMOSEXUALITY, THE ONLY WAY TO DO IT IS TO SURROUND YOURSELF WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY DONE SO. VERY FEW PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD ARE STRONG-WILLED ENOUGH TO BREAK THOSE SHACKLES OF GUILT ALL ON THEIR OWN. YOUR FRIENDS CAN HELP YOU WITH THIS. THEY WILL ALSO HELP YOU OUT IF YOU GET YOURSELF IN TROUBLE. THERE IS A ONE-FOR-ALL AND ALL-FOR-ONE CAMERADERIE IN GAY GROUPS. WHEN MY TYPEWRITER WAS STOLEN, MY FRIENDS PITCHED IN AND BOUGHT ME A NEW ONE. WHEN ONE OF MY FRIENDS RUNS SHORT

OF CASH, SOMETIMES WE WILL PITCH IN TO BAIL HIM OUT. WHEN ANOTHER FRIEND (WHO COULD NOT SPEAK ENGLISH WELL) HAD HIS CAR STOLEN, WE HELPED HIM OUT IN EXPLAINING TO THE POLICE WHAT HAPPENED. MAYBE I AM JUST LUCKY, BUT I FEEL MY GAY FRIENDS ARE THE MOST LOYAL BUNCH OF PEOPLE I HAVE EVER MET.

VENEREAL DISEASE

NOW EVERYTHING UP TO NOW HAS BEEN SWEETNESS AND LIGHT AND PROMISCUITY. PROMISCUITY? WHAT ABOUT VENEREAL DISEASES THEN? AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, GOD HAS ARRANGED IT SO THAT BOTH SYPHILIS AND GONORRHEA CAN BE PASSED THROUGH HOMOSEXUAL CONTACT. THEORETICALLY V.D. SHOULD BE A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR THE GAY WORLD BECAUSE OF THIS COUCHANT PROMISCUITY, BUT IT IS NOT. THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT THE SYMPTOMS FOR BOTH DISEASES ARE FAR EASIER TO DETECT IN THE MALE THAN IN THE FEMALE, AND THUS IT IS FAR LESS LIKELY FOR A GUY TO PASS EITHER OF THEM ON WITHOUT KNOWING IT THAN IT IS FOR A GIRL. ALSO GAY GUYS ARE QUITE CAREFUL ABOUT KEEPING TRACK OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL CONTACTS SO THAT IF A CASE IS DISCOVERED, ALL THE CONTACTS AND THEIR CONTACTS EVEN UNTO THE SEVENTH GENERATION CAN BE CHECKED BEFORE THE FOUL CONTAGION SPREADS TOO FAR.

SYPHILIS IS BY FAR THE MORE DANGEROUS OF THE TWO DISEASES BECAUSE IT IS HARDER TO DETECT AND BECAUSE IF LEFT UNTREATED, IN THE TERTIARY (BIG WORD FOR THIRD) PHASE IT ROTS YOUR BRAIN AND SPINAL CHORD CAUSING HEART ATTACKS, PARALYSIS, BLINDNESS, OR EVEN (SHUDDER) INSANITY. FORTUNATELY IT IS THE RARER OF THE TWO DISEASES.

THE FIRST SYMPTOM IS A SMALL PAINLESS SORE 1/8 TO 1/2 INCH IN DIAMETER THAT CAN OCCUR ANYWHERE ON YOUR BODY -- THE PENIS, THE CHEST, THE RECTUM, (WHERE IT FEELS LIKE A HEMORROID) OR IN THE MOUTH. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TOUCH A SORE TO CONTACT SYPHILIS YOURSELF; YOU DO NOT HAVE TO GET PUS ON YOURSELF; YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE AN ORGASM. THE SORE SHOWS UP 10 DAYS TO 3 MONTHS AFTER CONTACT AND IT HEALS ITSELF IN A FEW DAYS TO A FEW WEEKS. DURING THIS PHASE THE CHANCRE (FANCY NAME FOR SORE) IS HIGHLY INFECTIOUS. IF DETECTED IN THIS PHASE, SYPHILIS IS VERY EASY TO CURE -- TWO MASSIVE SHOTS OF PENICILLIN ARE INJECTED INTO YOUR RUMP.

IF LEFT UNTREATED, THE SECONDARY PHASE BEGINS 4 TO 8 WEEKS AFTER THE CHANCER HAS DISAPPEARED. IN THIS PHASE SYPHILIS CAN EASILY BE MISTAKEN FOR OTHER DISEASES AS THE SYMPTOMS INCLUDE: SORES IN THE MOUTH, SORE THROAT, A SKIN RASH, ENLARGED GLANDS (PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE GENITALS), SORES ON THE SEXUAL ORGANS, SWOLLEN JOINTS, FEVER, HEADACHE, PAIN IN THE BONES AND JOINTS, AND EVEN HAIR FALLING OUT IN PATCHES. THESE SYMPTOMS WILL DISAPPEAR THEMSELVES AND WILL REAPPEAR OCCASIONALLY FOR ABOUT 4 YEARS. IT STILL CAN BE CURED IN THIS PHASE BUT THE SORES ARE STILL HIGHLY INFECTIOUS. THEY ARE SO INFECTIOUS THAT GERMS FROM SORES IN THE MOUTH CAN BE PASSED EVEN BY KISSING.

LATER (BY THIS TIME IT IS ALMOST TOO LATE) THE DISEASE BECOMES NON-INFECTIOUS AND LATENT. ALL THE GHASTLY THINGS I MENTIONED EARLIER SLOWLY START TO HAPPEN.

GONORRHEA, OR CLAP AS IT IS COMMONLY CALLED, IS MORE PREVALENT. IF YOU ARE AN EXCLUSIVE LESBIAN YOU WILL NOT GET THE CLAP. IF YOU SCREW SOMEONE WHO HAS GONORRHEA (WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE AN ORGASM) THEN YOU MAY NOTICE A SMARTING OR BURNING SENSATION WHEN YOU URINATE FROM 2 TO 9 DAYS AFTER BECOMING INFECTED. DROPS OF YELLOWISH PUS MAY OOOZE FROM THE PENIS. THE PUS IS HIGHLY INFECTIOUS AND MAY BE CARELESSLY PASSED TO THE EYES OR RECTAL AREA CAUSING ADDITIONAL TROUBLES THERE. IT IS EASILY CURED AT THIS STAGE, SINCE IT IS STILL LOCALIZED IN THE URINARY CANAL OF THE PENIS. IT GRADUALLY SPREADS TO THE PROSTATE GLAND, SPERM CANALS, AND SEMINAL VESSICLES AND EVEN THE BLADDER. THEN IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF THESE DUCTS WILL BECOME PERMANENTLY SCARRED CAUSING BLOCKAGE WHICH RESULTS IN STERILITY (YOU NEVER KNOW -- SOMEDAY YOU MIGHT WANT TO HAVE A KID) OR DIFFICULTY IN PASSING URINE. IF SOMEONE WHO HAS GONORRHEA SCREWS YOU, THEN PERHAPS YOU WILL NOTICE A MUCOUS DISCHARGE FROM YOUR RECTUM, BUT MORE LIKELY YOU WILL NOTICE NOTHING AND YOU WILL HAVE TO RELY ON YOUR CONTACT TO INFORM YOU IF HE DEVELOPS GONORRHEA OF THE PENIS. IF YOU SUCK THE PENIS OF A PERSON WHO HAS GONORRHEA (WHETHER OR NOT HE HAS AN ORGASM) YOU MAY GET A VERY SURE THROAT AND MAY NOTICE A MUCOUS DISCHARGE FROM YOUR THROAT.

WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU HAVE THE SLIGHTEST SUSPICION THAT YOU HAVE V.D.? GO TO ANY HOSPITAL AND THEY WILL GIVE YOU A FREE CHECKUP AND IF YOU HAVE IT, THEY WILL CURE YOU FREE -- INCLUDING DRUGS -- SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE SHEKELS. IN VANCOUVER WE HAVE SPECIAL V.D. CLINICS. THE GUYS WHO RUN THEM ARE NOT TOO MORALIZING, BUT THAT DOES NOT STOP THEM FROM GETTING A FEW DICKS IN. THEY HAVE SEEN HUNDREDS OF HOMOSEXUALS BEFORE YOU AND WON'T BAT AN EYE SHOULD IT COME OUT THAT YOU ARE GAY. THERE IS A CLINIC EVERY WEEKDAY FROM 2:30 TO 3:30 EACH AFTERNOON AT 306 ABBOTT. THE MAIN CLINIC IS AT 828 WEST 10TH OPEN 8:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. AND 2:00 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M. EVERY WEEKDAY. IF YOU WORK DURING THE DAY TELL YOUR BOSS YOU ARE GOING TO A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT. A CLINIC DOCTOR WILL GIVE YOU A NOTE TO GIVE YOUR BOSS THAT ATTESTS THAT YOU REALLY DID GO TO A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT, BUT THAT SAYS NOTHING ABOUT V.D.

I HAVE BEEN TO THE V.D. CLINIC MYSELF, BUT I TURNED OUT TO BE FREE OF THE DISEASES. YOU WALK INTO THE WAITING ROOM AND THEN GO UP TO THE RECEPTIONIST WHERE SHE GIVES YOU A FORM ASKING YOUR NAME AND BIRTH DATE. FILL IN THE FORM, AND RETURN IT TO THE CLERK. SHE THEN GIVES YOU A SLIP OF PAPER WITH A NUMBER ON IT THAT MATCHES THE ONE ON THE FORM SHE KEEPS. THEN YOU WAIT IN LINE FOR YOUR NUMBER TO BE CALLED.

A STAFF MEMBER CALLS YOU IN AND TAKES A BLOOD SAMPLE FOR A VDRL (SYPHILIS TEST). HE LEADS YOU INTO A CORRIDOR WITH ABOUT 5 LITTLE OFFICES OFF ONE SIDE OF IT. YOU GO INTO ONE OF THEM AND HE ASKS YOU TO "LOWER YOUR DRAWERS SO I CAN HAVE A LOOK." IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE GONORRHEA HE WILL TAKE SOME OF THE PUS FROM YOUR THROAT, ANUS OR PENIS AND WILL STAIN IT WITH A GRAMME STAIN. HE THEN LOOKS AT IT UNDER THE MICROSCOPE. IF HE SEES ANYTHING REMOTELY RESSEMBLING GONORRHEA GERMS HE WILL TREAT YOU. IF THERE IS NO PUS HE WILL TAKE A THROAT CULTURE, AN ANAL CULTURE (BY INSERTING A FUNNEL LUBRICATED WITH KY INTO YOUR ANUS AND WHISKING A COTTON SWAB AROUND TO COLLECT SOME GERMS), OR A URETHRAL CULTURE (BY SWISHING A SWAB AROUND ABOUT 1/8 INCH INTO YOUR PENIS). IF YOUR GONORRHEA TEST IS POSITIVE THEN THEY WILL PHONE YOU AND ASK YOU TO COME DOWN TO BE TREATED. IF YOU ARE O.K. THEY WON'T BOTHER TO PHONE.

THE TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA IS VERY SIMPLE -- YOU TAKE TWO 500 MG. CAPSULES OF AMPICILLIN (A TYPE OF PENICILLIN) ONE AT THE CLINIC AND ONE 8 HOURS LATER. THEY DO NOT SCRAPE OUT YOUR PENIS WITH KNIVES OR LITTLE UMBRELLA THINGS OR IN ANY WAY TORTURE YOU. IF YOU ARE ALLERGIC TO PENICILLIN THEN YOU CAN TAKE TETRACYCLIN FOR FOUR DAYS OR ERYTHROMYCIN FOR FOUR DAYS. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO TAKE ALL THE PILLS GIVEN YOU. DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE ELSE TO EAT ONE OF YOUR AMPICILLIN CAPSULES AS HE MAY HAVE AN ALLERGY HE DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT THAT WILL CAUSE THE THROAT TO CONSTRICT CAUSING SUFFOCATION. AT THE CLINICS THEY HAVE ADRENALIN IN HYPODERMICS READY IN CASE THIS SHOULD HAPPEN. AFTER TAKING YOUR FIRST PILL, YOU WALK OUT THE OTHER SIDE INTO ANOTHER CORRIDOR AND THEN OUTSIDE.

THERE IS A 2% CHANCE THAT THE CURE WILL NOT WORK AND YOU WILL STILL HAVE GONORRHEA. YOU HAVE TO GO BACK AND THEY WILL TRY ANOTHER DRUG. NO STRAIN OF GONORRHEA (EVEN THE ONES FROM VIET NAM) IS INCURABLE, THOUGH SOME ARE RESISTANT TO THE STANDARD TREATMENT.

SHOULD YOUR TEST TURN OUT POSITIVE (THEY MAY HAVE ALREADY GIVEN YOU THE CURE EVEN BEFORE THEY WERE SURE YOU HAD THE DISEASE), IT IS UP TO YOU TO RAPIDLY INFORM ALL YOUR CONTACTS IF YOU DID NOT GIVE THEIR NAMES TO THE DOCTOR. TELL THEM TO GET DOWN FOR A CHECK PRONTO -- BEFORE THE DAMN THING SPREADS TO THE WHOLE GAY POPULATION. IT IS ALSO YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO STAY AWAY FROM ANYONE UNTIL THE DOCTOR SAYS IT IS O.K. -- USUALLY ABOUT A WEEK. IF YOU DON'T YOU WILL GET ONE HELL OF A REPUTATION AND YOU WILL BE BLACKBALLED WHERE EVER YOU GO ACROSS CANADA. NO ONE WILL BLACKBALL YOU FOR HAVING THE DISEASES, BUT THEY WILL GET PRETTY UPTIGHT IF YOU DON'T LET THEM KNOW ABOUT IT.

IF THE DOCTOR THINKS YOU HAVE V.D., HE WILL ASK YOU FOR YOUR CONTACTS. HE WILL NOT BOTHER OTHERWISE. IF YOU WISH, TELL HIM "I PROMISE I WILL INFORM THEM MYSELF". DON'T MAKE UP A STORY ABOUT GLORIA WHOM YOU MET AT A HIPPI PARTY. THE CLINIC WILL SEND PEOPLE OUT SCOURING 4TH AVENUE LOOKING FOR THIS FICTITIOUS GLORIA. IF YOU TELL THE DOCTOR THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF YOUR CONTACTS HE WILL NOT RELEASE THE INFORMATION TO ANYONE. THEORETICALLY THE COURTS CAN SUBPOENA THE INFORMATION IN CRIMINAL CASES, BUT EVEN THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE IN THE PAST SIX YEARS. THE DOCTOR WILL PHONE UP YOUR CONTACTS. AFTER A NUMBER OF FRUITLESS ATTEMPTS AT PERSONAL CONTACT HE WILL LEAVE A MESSAGE "PLEASE HAVE HIM CALL JOHN DOE AT 874-2331." HE WILL MAKE NO MENTION OF V.D.

IF YOU WERE SO SILLY AS TO SLEEP WITH SOMEONE WITHOUT FINDING OUT HIS NAME AND ADDRESS, THEN TELL THEM EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM -- HIS FIRST NAME, AGE, APPEARANCE -- ANYTHING. HE WILL BE INFECTING OTHER PEOPLE AS WELL AND THESE PEOPLE MAY REMEMBER A BIT MORE ABOUT HIM. EVENTUALLY THE CLINIC CAN PIECE TOGETHER WHO HE IS AND CALL HIM IN FOR TREATMENT. SUCH SLIGHT INFORMATION AS "I MET HIM AT THE TAURUS SPA AT 10:30 TUESDAY NIGHT" WILL BE ENOUGH TO GO ON. THE CLINIC WILL PHONE UP THE OWNER OF THE STEAM BATH AND ASK HIM TO SEND EVERYONE WHO WAS IN THE BUILDING AT THE TIME, DOWN FOR A CHECK. THE OWNER WILL LET THOSE POSSIBLE CONTACTS KNOW WHEN THEY COME TO THE BATHS AGAIN.

THEY CAN BE VERY DEVISIVE. FOR EXAMPLE IF YOU ARE A MARRIED GAY AND YOU HAVE INFECTED YOUR WIFE, THEY WILL ASK YOU THE NAME OF YOUR WIFE'S PHYSICIAN SO THEY CAN ASK HIM TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOUR WIFE TO HAVE A PAP SMEAR (CANCER TEST). DURING THE APPOINTMENT, HER DOCTOR WILL GIVE HER SOME AMPICILLIN "TO CURE UP A MINOR INFECTION" AND YOUR WIFE IS CURED WITHOUT HER FINDING OUT SHE EVER HAD V.D.

THE PEOPLE WHO RUN THE CLINIC ARE A BUNCH OF GOOD HEADS. A WHILE AGO THERE WAS A SYPHILIS SCARE IN OUR GROUP. THEY KEPT THE CLINIC OPEN AN EXTRA HOUR LATE SO WE COULD GET IN AFTER WORK. THEY SERVED COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS FOR US. THE PEOPLE AT THE CLINIC SPENT IN ALL ABOUT 8 HOURS HELPING ME WRITE THIS SECTION. THEY ONLY WANT TO STOP EPIDEMICS -- THEY DO NOT PRY INTO YOUR SEX LIFE JUST OUT OF PRURIENT CURIOSITY.

HOW CAN YOU PREVENT V.D.? WASHING WITH SOAP AND WATER (ANTISEPTICS ARE NO BETTER) SOON AFTER SEX MAY HELP. USE OF A CONDOM WHILE SCREWING (THOUGH THIS IS NOT A WIDELY ACCEPTED PRACTICE) WILL HELP PREVENT GONORRHEA IF YOU ARE CAREFUL NOT TO INFECT YOURSELF WITH YOUR HANDS WHEN YOU PUT IT ON OR TAKE IT OFF. SYPHILIS BLOOD TESTS EVERY THREE MONTHS ARE A NECESSITY IF YOU ARE PROMISCUOUS.

IN 1969 IN BRITISH COLUMBIA THERE WERE ONLY 121 REPORTED CASES OF GONORRHEA AND 10 CASES OF SYPHILIS AMONG HOMOSEXUALS. BUT THE ONLY WAY TO BE COMPLETELY SAFE IS TO STICK WITH ONE GUY AND SEE TO IT THAT HE STICKS WITH ONE GUY ALSO -- NAMELY YOU.

ALTHOUGH NOT A VENEREAL DISEASE, ONE WAY CRAB LICE CAN BE PASSED IS THROUGH INTIMATE HOMOSEXUAL CONTACT. HOWEVER STRAIGHT PEOPLE CAN CATCH THEM AS WELL. THEY ARE MUCH MORE PREVALENT IN EASTERN CANADA THAN IN THE WEST. YOUNG CRAB LICE LOOK LIKE TINY OFF-WHITE SCABS AND MATURE ONES LOOK LIKE 1/8 INCH DIAMETER DARK CRABS. THEY INFEST HAIRY DAMP AREAS OF THE BODY -- ESPECIALLY THE GROIN. THE WAY YOU TELL IF YOU HAVE THESE BODY LICE IS BY THE UNBEARABLE ITCHING. THEY CAN BE ERADICATED VERY EASILY WITHOUT GOING TO A DOCTOR.

BUY SOME KWELLADA, CUPRAX OR SOME OTHER PEDICULICIDE (LOUSE KILLER) AT YOUR LOCAL DRUG STORE. YOU DO NOT NEED A PRESCRIPTION BUT YOU DO NEED TO SIGN THE POISON BOOK. GO HOME AND TAKE A VERY HOT BATH. THIS OPENS THE PORES TO ALLOW THE POISON TO GET AT THE EGGS WHICH ARE LAID AT THE BASE OF THE HAIR FOLLICLES. PUT SOME VASELINE ON YOUR ANUS AND ON THE GLANS (TIP) OF YOUR PENIS TO PREVENT STINGING LEST YOU SHOULD SPILL SOME OF THE POISON THERE. PUT THE KWELLADA ON; RUB IT IN FOR ONE MINUTE; WASH IT OFF; HAVE ANOTHER HOT BATH. CUPRAX, A SMELLY BURNING LIQUID, MUST BE LEFT ON FOR 20 MINUTES AFTER RUBBING IT IN. TEN DAYS LATER REPEAT THE PERFORMANCE IN CASE ANY EGGS SURVIVED THE FIRST TREATMENT. BUT AFTER THE FIRST TREATMENT THEY ARE NEARLY ALWAYS COMPLETELY WIPED OUT.

LESBIANISM

EVERYTHING I HAVE SAID SO FAR WAS WRITTEN SPECIFICALLY FOR GAY GUYS. IF YOU ARE A GAY GIRL, YOU MUST BE WANTING TO KNOW WHAT I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT LESBIANS.

LESBIANS HAVE A MUCH TOUGHER TIME MEETING OTHER GAY GIRLS THAN GAY GUYS HAVE OF MEETING OTHER GAYS. ONE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT THERE ARE FEWER HOMOSEXUAL GIRLS THAN HOMOSEXUAL GUYS IN THE WORLD. AND THE ONES WHO DO EXIST TRY MUCH HARDER THAN THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS TO KEEP THE WORLD AT LARGE FROM KNOWING ABOUT THEIR HOMOSEXUALITY. THE REASON IS THAT THERE IS MUCH GREATER PREJUDICE AGAINST GAY GIRLS THAN GAY GUYS. MANY LESBIANS HAVE HIGHLY-SKILLED, HIGH-PAYING JOBS AND ARE RIGHTFULLY SCARED SILLY OF LOSING THEM.

NOW AFTER THIS RATHER GLOOMY INTRODUCTION, JUST HOW DO GIRLS MEET OTHER GIRLS? THERE ARE FOUR MAIN METHODS:

1. GAY BARS WHICH ATTRACT THE GOAL-LESS, JOBLESS AND TRUCK DRIVER TYPE OF LESBIAN.
2. THROUGH NORMAL STRAIGHT CONTACTS.
3. THROUGH PRIVATE SOCIAL CLUBS.
4. THROUGH OTHER GAY GIRLS.

I WON'T BOTHER TO DISCUSS BARS -- THOUGH SOME ARE LISTED IN THE APPENDIX IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRY THIS METHOD OUT.

TO MEET GIRLS THROUGH NORMAL STRAIGHT CONTACTS REQUIRES THAT YOU HAVE WAYS OF TELLING IF A GIRL HAS LESBIAN TENDENCIES OR NOT. I WILL NOW TELL YOU A NUMBER OF THINGS YOU CAN DO TO FIND OUT.

FIRST OF ALL FORGET APPEARANCE. YOU CANNOT TELL A LESBIAN BY APPEARANCE ANY MORE THAN YOU CAN A GAY GUY. TRUE THERE ARE SOME RULL-DYKES (TRUCK DRIVER-TYPE LESBIANS) (THIS IS REALLY A DEROGATORY TERM -- I REALLY SHOULD USE BUTCH-LESBIAN) WITH THEIR MASCULINE CLOTHES, TAPED DOWN BREASTS, DUCK-TAILED GREASER HAIRCUTS, MASCULINE WALK AND BELLIGERENT PERSONALITIES, JUST AS THERE ARE FAIRIES AMONG THE GAY GUYS. BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE GIRLS LOOK PERFECTLY NORMAL -- AND I MIGHT ADD THAT SOME OF THEM ARE STUNNINGLY BEAUTIFUL.

THE MAIN WAY TO TELL IF A GIRL IS LESBIAN IS THROUGH HER ATTITUDE. SHE WILL RESPOND MORE PERSONALLY TO YOU THAN WILL YOUR OTHER FRIENDS. SHE WILL STARE AT YOU MORE. SHE WILL POUR ON CHARM AND WILL BE THOROUGHLY WARM.

CERTAIN GIRLS CAN BE PICKED OUT BY THEIR TOM-BOY ATTITUDE -- THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY BY TOM-BOY APPEARANCE. THEY TEND TO BE MORE INDEPENDENT AND STRONGER WILLED THAN STRAIGHT GIRLS. SOME ARE ARDENT FEMINISTS. MANY USE MOTORCYCLES OR MOTOR SCOOTERS FOR TRANSPORTATION. QUITE OFTEN THEY ARE ATHLETIC BOWLERS, SOFTBALL PLAYERS OR MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS.

NOW ONCE YOU HAVE FOUND A LIKELY GIRL (EVEN IF SHE DOES NOT APPEAL TO YOU, SHE MAY BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO SOME OF HER FRIENDS WHO DO) YOU CAN ASK THE LEADING QUESTION: "ARE YOU MARRIED?" OR "ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH A MAN?". IF SHE SAYS "NO" YOU ARE OFF TO A GOOD START, BUT EVEN IF SHE SAYS "YES", ESPECIALLY IF SHE IMMEDIATELY LETS YOU KNOW SHE IS UNHAPPY WITH THE RELATIONSHIP, DON'T GIVE UP.

THE NEXT STEP IS TO BECOME EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED. TRY TO GET INTO A SITUATION WHERE TOUCHING IS PERMISSIBLE. FOR EXAMPLE, IF SHE IS UPSET YOU CAN HOLD HER HAND OR PUT YOUR ARM AROUND HER OR GO ON A ROLLER COASTER RIDE WITH HER AND THROW YOUR ARMS AROUND HER IN EXCITEMENT OR GET HER DRUNK AND GIGGLE YOURSELVES SILLY.

CHECK THE RESPONSE AND IF THINGS ARE GOING WELL YOU CAN MENTION THAT YOU ARE BISEXUAL. DON'T TELL HER YOU ARE A LESBIAN AS THIS IS TOO MUCH OF A SHOCK -- ESPECIALLY FOR GIRLS WHO HAVE NOT YET COME OUT.

NOW ASSUMING YOUR HUNCHES WERE CORRECT YOU MAY BE READY FOR SOME SEXUAL EXPRESSION OF YOUR EMOTIONAL INVOLVEMENT. I CANNOT BE TOO HELPFUL HERE AS I AM PERSONALLY NOT A LESBIAN, AND MOST GIRLS DON'T LIKE TO DISCUSS THE GORY DETAILS. AT ONE TIME NEARLY ALL LESBIAN RELATIONSHIPS WERE BETWEEN ONE DOMINANT 'BUTCH' GIRL AND ONE SUBMISSIVE 'FEMME' GIRL. BUT JUST AS WITH GAY GUYS, THIS DISTINCTION HAS FALLEN AWAY. THE FEMME GIRL WOULD STRIP NAKED AND LIE ON HER BACK IN A BED. THE BUTCH GIRL WOULD PUT ON A FLANELETTE NIGHTGOWN THAT WENT FROM NECK TO TOES AND THEN WOULD LEAP ONTO HER FEMME PARTNER DEVOURING HER BREASTS AND PUSSY WITH HER TONGUE. ONLY RARELY WOULD THE FEMME PARTNER PERFORM CUNNILINGUS ON HER BUTCH LOVER.

PROSTHESES (ARTIFICIAL PENES CALLED DILDOES) ARE SOMETIMES USED -- ESPECIALLY IN SEATTLE -- THOUGH RARELY IN VANCOUVER. IN THE PAST FEW YEARS MUCH WIDER VARIETIES OF SEXUAL EXPRESSION HAVE COME INTO BEING.

MOST THINGS THAT GAY GUYS CAN DO (EXCEPT SCREWING) SO CAN GAY GIRLS.

NOW YOU ARE PROBABLY TOO NERVOUS TO TRY SEDUCING YOUR BEST FRIEND, SO YOU PROBABLY SHOULD TRY VISITING A CLUB.

WAIT UNTIL SATURDAY NIGHT. GET CLEANED AND DRESSED CASUALLY -- SLACKS AND SWEATER WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. (YOU CAN SKIP SHAVING.)

FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS AS FOR BOYS EXCEPT AFTER YOUR MOVIE GO TO CHAMPAGNE CHARLIE'S (THE OLD BUNKHOUSE -- A STRAIGHT COFFEEHOUSE) AT 612 DAVIE -- AGAIN RIGHT NEAR GRANVILLE STREET. THE ENTRANCE PROCEDURE IS SLIGHTLY MORE STICKY THAN AT THE B&B. IF YOU HAVE ANY TROUBLE GETTING IN MENTION MY NAME -- ROEDY -- AND THE BOY ON THE DOOR'S -- DAVID. IF POSSIBLE GO WITH ANOTHER LESBIAN OR GAY GUY WHO IS ALREADY A MEMBER. OTHERWISE GO ALONE OR WITH ANOTHER GIRL -- NOT WITH A GUY.

AFTER YOU ARE INSIDE, WALK TO YOUR RIGHT DOWN THE STAIRS FLANKED BY HUNDREDS OF ODD-SHAPED LITTLE MIRRORS.

HAVE A GOOD LOOK AROUND THE U-SHAPED ROOM ONCE YOU REACH THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS. TO YOUR RIGHT IS A JOLLY-LOOKING COUNTER WHERE YOU CAN CHECK YOUR COATS OR BUY HOT DOGS OR POPCORN OR SOFT DRINKS.

STRAIGHT AHEAD OF YOU IS A DANCE FLOOR WITH HUGE FANS OVERHEAD COOLING THE FRANTICALLY DANCING PATRONS (MIXED BOY AND GIRL WITH A PREDOMINANCE OF GIRLS ON SATURDAYS). A JUKEBOX TO YOUR LEFT PRODUCES MUSIC THAT MODULATES TWO COLORED LIGHT DISPLAYS. ALL AROUND THE ROOM ARE ROUND TABLES SURROUNDED BY CLIQUES OF GIRLS AND BOYS. AT FIRST YOU MAY HAVE TROUBLE BREAKING INTO ONE OF THESE CLIQUES. IN THE ACCOMPANYING LETTER I GAVE YOU NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF GIRLS WHO WOULD MAKE THIS ICE-BREAKING PERIOD EASIER FOR YOU.

THE TECHNIQUES OF MEETING AND PICKING UP DESCRIBED FOR GUYS WILL WORK EQUALLY WELL FOR YOU. TRY NOT TO BE DISCOURAGED IF YOU GET A FROSTY RECEPTION. THE GIRLS AS A WHOLE ARE QUITE SUSPICIOUS OF NEWCOMERS.

LATER ON IN THE EVENING WILL BE A DRAG SHOW -- REALLY QUITE FUNNY RATHER THAN LEWD.

AS YOU MAY EXPECT, GAY GIRLS TEND TO BE MORE PROMISCUOUS THAN STRAIGHT GIRLS, BUT THEY ARE NOWHERE NEAR AS PROMISCUOUS AS GAY GUYS. MOST GIRLS SETTLE QUITE QUICKLY WITH ONE GIRL AND THEN DROP OUT OF THE CLUB SCENE EXCEPT FOR VISITS EVERY FEW MONTHS OR SO. THESE RELATIONSHIPS LAST TYPICALLY FOR YEARS AND YEARS. BECAUSE THE 'MARRIED' GIRLS FREQUENT THE BARS LESS FREQUENTLY AND BECAUSE MOST OF THE MOST DESIRABLE GIRLS ARE 'MARRIED' YOU WILL NEED A LOT OF PATIENCE TO WAIT FOR THE GIRL YOU ARE LOOKING FOR.

WHEN A GIRL FIRST COMES OUT SHE USUALLY STICKS FOR A FAIR WHILE WITH HER FIRST LOVER. LATER ON SHE GOES THROUGH A PROMISCUOUS PHASE AND LATER STILL SHE TENDS TO SETTLE DOWN. WHEN A PAIR OF 'MARRIED' GIRLS VISIT THE CLUBS VERY FREQUENTLY, YOU CAN BE FAIRLY SURE THAT ONE OF THE GIRLS IS OUT LOOKING FOR A NEW LOVER.

PORNOGRAPHY

MANY OF THE OLDER PEOPLE WHO HAVE WRITTEN ME HAVE BRAGGED ABOUT THEIR EXTENSIVE COLLECTIONS OF PICTURES OF NUDE MEN AND BOYS OR ELSE HAVE ASKED ME WHERE YOU CAN GET SUCH PICTURES. NEARLY EVERY CITY IN CANADA HAS SOME TRASHY LITTLE NEWSSTAND THAT SELLS MAGAZINES IN PLASTIC BAGS. SOMETIMES THE OWNERS WILL LET YOU LOOK AT THE MAGAZINES BEFORE YOU BUY THEM. IN THE MAGAZINES ARE PICTURES OF GOOD-LOOKING (I AM BAFLED WHY ANYONE WOULD MODEL FOR SUCH A MAGAZINE, MUCH LESS THE STUNNINGLY HANDSOME ONES THAT POSE FOR THE COVERS) GUYS WEARING WHAT ARE CALLED POSING STRAPS -- A KIND OF SKIMPY BATHING SUIT. SUCH MAGAZINES SELL FOR ABOUT \$2.50 EACH. RECENTLY MAGAZINES OF FULL NUDES HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE FOR ABOUT \$5.00 A MAGAZINE. A TAME VARIETY PASS OFF AS HEALTH OR MUSCULAR DEVELOPMENT MAGAZINES THAT ARE SOLD IN MOST SMALL GROCERY STORES.

IF YOU WANT PICTURES OF TWO OR MORE GUYS ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN SOME SEXUAL ACT, NOT JUST LYING AROUND LOOKING BEAUTIFUL, THEN YOU WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE PORNOGRAPHY LAWS HAVE BEEN RECENTLY RELAXED.

MANY COMPANIES OFFER MAIL ORDER SERVICE TO CANADIANS. IF YOU WRITE TO ANY OF THESE PLACES, THEY WILL PUT YOUR NAME ON THEIR MAILING LIST, AND WILL SELL YOUR NAME TO OTHER PORNOGRAPHY PUBLISHERS. SO IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE BOMBARDED WITH UNWANTED ADVERTISING, DON'T EVER WRITE TO SUCH A PLACE. IF YOU DO WRITE TO SUCH A PLACE, BE SURE TO SPECIFY THAT YOU ARE OVER 21 AND ALSO SPECIFY THE TYPE OF PORNOGRAPHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OR ELSE YOU WILL BE DELUGED WITH PICTURES OF NUDE FEMALES. THEY WILL SEND YOU SAMPLES AND PRICES OF MAGAZINES, POSTERS, AND MOVIES. THE MAGAZINES RUN FROM \$2.50 TO \$5.00 DEPENDING ON HOW OLD THEY ARE. THE OLD ONES ARE CHEAPER.

HERE ARE 3 ADDRESSES TO WRITE TO IF YOU WANT PORNOGRAPHY ADVERTISING :

SPECTRA
P.O. BOX 2P50
SAN FRANCISCO 94126
SEND NO MONEY

MIKE DIAMOND PRODUCTIONS
7471 MELROSE AVENUE
DEPT - G
HOLLYWOOD, 90046
SEND \$1.00

KRENT
BOX 636
SAN FRANCISCO 94101
SEND \$4.00

I PERSONALLY DO NOT LIKE PORNOGRAPHY BECAUSE OF THE BAD EFFECTS IT HAS ON SOME PEOPLE. MANY UN-COME-OUT GAYS MASTURBATE WHILE LOOKING AT PICTURES OF HANDSOME YOUNG MEN. WHEN THEY FINALLY DO COME OUT THEY ARE CONDITIONED TO BE AROUSED ONLY BY THESE PLASTIC-HANDSOME YOUNG MEN AND THUS ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH REAL HUMAN BEINGS WITH ALL THEIR PHYSICAL IMPERFECTIONS. THE OLDER LESS-THAN-PERFECT-LOOKING NEWLY-COME-OUT GAY WASTES HIS TIME CHASING THESE UNATTAINABLE YOUNG MEN. HE HAS NO CHANCE. HE GETS DISCOURAGED AND THEN RETREATS BACK INTO HIS SHELL WITH HIS MASTURBATORY FANTASIES. HOWEVER I DOUBT THAT HOMOSEXUAL PORNOGRAPHY IS 'HARMFUL' IN THAT IT EVER MADE ANYONE GAY -- ANY MORE THAN STRAIGHT PORNOGRAPHY MADE ANY GAY TURN STRAIGHT.

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

SOME GAYS (ESPECIALLY THE OLDER ONES) HAVE BEEN BRAINWASHED BY THE ADVERTISING MEDIA INTO PLACING AN EXAGGERATED IMPORTANCE ON THEIR PERSONAL APPEARANCE. SOME WILL SPEND HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS ON NEW CLOTHES OR \$13 FOR A HAIRCUT. SOME ARE PHYSICAL CULTURE NUTS AND SPEND HOURS EXERCISING SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THEIR APPEARANCE. ALL THIS WORK IS QUITE UNNECESSARY. I AM NO LIVING DOLL, BUT I AM AS POPULAR AS ANYONE COULD WISH TO BE. ALSO, AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF SLEEPING WITH A DIFFERENT PERSON EACH WEEK, A PRETTY FACE CEASES TO MEAN VERY MUCH. ALSO, THE REALLY GOOD-LOOKING GUYS BECOME CONTEMPTUOUS AND GET BAD REPUTATIONS AS BASTARDS -- GUYS WHO WILL SAY ANYTHING TO GET YOU INTO BED AND THEN WILL TREAT YOU AS A FOREIGN OBJECT THE NEXT MORNING.

DATING CLUBS

GOSSIP, LOSS OF JOB, AND BLACKMAIL UNDULY TERRIFY THE UN-COME-OUT GAY. UNSCRUPULOUS DATING SERVICES PLAY ON THESE FEARS BY OFFERING "DISCREET AND CONFIDENTIAL" MEETINGS. ONE SUCH GROUP CALLED "THE MOON -- MEN DATING MEN ASSOCIATION" OPERATED IN VANCOUVER UNTIL THEY WERE EXPOSED IN JANUARY 1971.

IF YOU WROTE THEM ASKING FOR INFORMATION, NONE CAME IN THE MAIL -- A SALESMAN APPEARED UNEXPECTEDLY AT YOUR DOOR -- EVEN IF YOU EXPRESSLY ASKED THAT NO ONE CALL. THEY WOULD PROCEED TO HIGH PRESSURE YOU INTO BUYING A SERVICE COSTING BETWEEN \$35 AND \$75 DEPENDING ON HOW MUCH THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD SOAK YOU FOR. THEY ASSURED YOU THEY OPERATED FROM COAST TO COAST AND IN THE UNITED STATES (THEY HAD OFFICES IN TORONTO AND VANCOUVER WITH A FEW AMERICAN CUSTOMERS WHO CAME ACROSS THE BORDER). THEY ASSURED YOU THEY HAD AMPLE MEMBERS TO GIVE YOU ENDLESS DATES (THEY HAD 50 MEMBERS). THEY ASSURED YOU IT WAS POLICE APPROVED (BUT COULD NOT SEEM TO REMEMBER THE OFFICER'S NAME WHO GAVE THE APPROVAL). THEY ASKED YOU TO SHOW I.D. TO PROTECT THE OTHER MEMBERS (BUT THEY WOULD NOT EVEN TELL YOU THEIR NAMES). THEY MADE YOU HAND-WRITE AND SIGN A PARAGRAPH SAYING YOU WOULD NOT RELEASE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE MOON OR ANY OF ITS MEMBERS (BEFORE THEY TOLD YOU ANYTHING ABOUT IT). IF YOU WERE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO JOIN (THEY DID NOT EVEN GIVE YOU A RECEIPT) YOU WENT OFF TO MEET YOUR FIRST 'DATE' -- A VERY HANDSOME YOUNG MAN WHO LIKED OLDER MEN, (UNKNOWNST TO YOU THE MOON PAID HIM FOR HIS SERVICES). LATER ON YOUR DATES WERE OTHER PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF. YOU WERE EXPECTED TO HAVE SEX WITH EVERY DATE. THE MOON PESTERED YOU IF THEY FOUND OUT YOU WERE SEEING ANY OF THE PEOPLE THAT YOU MET THROUGH THE DATES (YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO SEE EACH PERSON ONLY ONCE). AFTER WORD OF THE GEORGIA STRAIGHT PUBLISHED THE LETTERS I WROTE ABOUT MY INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE MOON, I MET MANY OF THESE PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN DUPEO. THEY WERE NOT STUPID, JUST SO TERRIFIED THEY WERE WILLING TO TAKE A LONGSHOT GAMBLE THAT THE MOON WAS WAS LEGITIMATE.

ANOTHER DATING SERVICE IS CALLED "MAN TO MAN INC." THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT QUITE SO UNSCRUPULOUS AS THE MOON, BUT THEY ARE FAR FROM PERFECT. THEY PURCHASE MAILING LISTS AND SEND UNSOLICITED ADVERTISING IN GAUDY ENVELOPES INDISCREETLY MARKED "VERY PERSONAL". INSIDE IS A RATHER COY QUESTIONNAIRE. IF YOU SEND BACK THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE AND A RATHER STIFF FEE OF \$25, THEN THEY WILL MAIL YOU THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PEOPLE THEY THINK MIGHT BE COMPATIBLE -- BASED ON COMPUTER MATCHING OF QUESTIONNAIRES.

THESE DATING SERVICES ARE SELLING SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN GET FREE!

HUSTLERS

IF YOU ARE AN OLDER MAN (35 OR OVER -- THOUGH PLEASE DO NOT INTERPRET THIS AS "ROEDY THINKS YOU ARE OVER THE HILL AT 35". WHAT OTHER PHRASE COULD I USE FOR GUYS OVER 35?), PLEASE FORGET ABOUT HAVING SEX WITH HANDSOME YOUNG 18 YEAR OLDS -- AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. TRUE THERE ARE SOME MEN WHO HAVE THE WIT AND CHARM TO ATTRACT THEM, BUT THEN THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF MEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN YOUNG GUYS AND ONLY A HANDFUL OF YOUNG MEN WHO TRULY PREFER OLDER MEN. HOW ARE YOU AS A NEWCOMER GOING TO STAND A CHANCE IN COMPETITION WITH ALL THOSE OTHER MEN WHO HAVE HAD YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND WHO UNDERSTAND HOW ACTING TOO HORNY AND EAGER TURNS YOUNG GUYS RIGHT OFF? THEY KNOW HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS FIRST AND THEY REALIZE THAT IN THE END FRIENDS ARE MUCH MORE VALUABLE THAN PICK-UPS.

MOST YOUNG GUYS WILL HAVE SEXUAL RELATIONS ONLY WITH PEOPLE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AGE -- JUST AS IN THE STRAIGHT WORLD. HOWEVER THEY MIX SOCIALLY WITH PEOPLE OF ALL AGES. THE GENERATION GAP IS NOT SUCH A BIG PROBLEM IN THE GAY WORLD.

BUT I WOULD GUESS THAT SOMETHING LIKE 90% OF GUYS WHO SEEM TO PREFER OLDER MEN AS SEX PARTNERS REALLY JUST PREFER THEIR MONEY. OUTRIGHT PAYMENTS, GIFTS, FREE ROOM AND BOARD, AND FREE BOOZE ARE SOME OF THE INDUCEMENTS OLDER GAYS MUST USE TO KEEP THEIR YOUNG LOVERS AROUND. BECAUSE THE BOYS ARE IN SUCH DEMAND THEY CAN AND DO WALK ALL OVER THEIR OLDER LOVERS. AND THESE POOR OLDER GAYS ARE SO HOPELESSLY ENAMORED THAT THEY ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE RUINED BLIND AND WILL SUFFER ENDLESS DEGRADATIONS AT THE HANDS OF THEIR MERCILESS KEPT BOYS.

THERE IS A WIDE SPECTRUM RUNNING FROM THOSE GUYS WHO HANG AROUND WITH A GROUP OF OLDER MEN ACCEPTING FREE BOOZE, TO THOSE WHO ARE KEPT GUYS, TO THOSE WHO WILL EXPECT A GIFT AFTER SEX, RIGHT THROUGH TO MALE PROSTITUTES. IF YOU PHYSICALLY CRAVE THE YOUNG STUFF BUT ARE TOO CLUMSY TO GET IT FOR FREE, AND ARE TOO POOR TO KEEP A BOY, THEN ONE POSSIBLE, THOUGH NOT RECOMMENDED SOLUTION IS TO HIRE A MALE PROSTITUTE.

HUSTLERS, AS MALE PROSTITUTES ARE CALLED, ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE V.D. THAN PICK-UPS AS THEY DO NOT KEEP TRACK OF WHO THEY SLEEP WITH, THEY ARE NOT AS CHOOSY, AND THEY ARE EVEN MORE PROMISCUOUS. THEY ARE USUALLY VERY GOOD-LOOKING, USUALLY ABOUT 18, INEVITABLY STUPID, AND QUITE OFTEN STRAIGHT -- BUT THEY DO IT FOR THE MONEY, ABOUT \$15.00 TO \$50.00 FOR THE NIGHT. WHAT SERVICES DO THEY PERFORM? MAINLY THEY JUST LIE THERE WITHOUT SO MUCH AS MOVING, SUBMITTING TO BEING SCREWED OR SOMETIMES TO HAVING THEIR PENES SUCKED.

HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT PICKING ONE UP? THEY PLY THEIR TRADE USUALLY ON THE MAIN STREET OF A CITY. IF YOU SEE A LIKELY LOOKING PROSPECT LOITERING LATE AT NIGHT, WALK PAST HIM TWO OR THREE TIMES WITHIN TEN MINUTES. HE WILL NOTICE YOU AND WILL STARE AS YOU GO BY. IF HE STARTS WALKING BESIDE YOU, STARTS TALKING TO YOU, OR OFFERS TO BUY YOU A COFFEE, THEN YOU CAN ASSUME THAT HE IS NOT A HUSTLER, BUT MERELY SOMEONE OUT CRUISING -- SO YOU GET IT FOR FREE. IF HE JUST STARES, YOU CAN WALK UP TO HIM AND ASK "ARE YOU A HUSTLER?". IF HE ACTS CONFUSED AND ASKS "WHAT'S A HUSTLER?", YOU CAN ASSUME THAT YOU HAVE JUST POUNCED UPON SOME UNSUSPECTING STRAIGHT. IF HE SAYS "NO, I WAS JUST CRUISING," THEN YOU HAVE NOT DREADFULLY OFFENDED HIM. AND IF HE SAYS "YES!" THEN YOU HAVE FOUND A LIVE ONE. YOU ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A PLACE FOR THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO PROVIDE BREAKFAST THE NEXT MORNING.

IF YOU PICK UP A HUSTLER, DO NOT GO WHERE HE SUGGESTS AS HE WILL LIKELY HAVE A FEW OF HIS FRIENDS THERE TO ROB YOU OR BEAT YOU UP JUST FOR THE HELL OF IT. DO NOT TAKE HIM TO YOUR APARTMENT OR YOU WILL LIKELY HAVE AN UNWELCOME GANG OF HOODS BANGING AT YOUR DOOR SOME FUTURE NIGHT. COUNT ON BEING ROBBED. DO NOT CARRY ANY MORE MONEY, VALUABLES OR I.D. THAN YOU FEEL ARE WORTH LOSING FOR AN EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT.

IF YOU ARE LUCKY YOU MIGHT EVEN GET SOME SEX. AFTER THE WHOLE ORDEAL IS OVER, WATCH FOR SIGNS OF GONORRHEA, AND GET A SYPHILIS BLOOD TEST.

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ONE OF THE HAZARDS OF BRINGING PEOPLE WHO ARE COMPLETE STRANGERS INTO YOUR HOME IS THAT SOMETIMES THEY GET UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND WALK OFF WITH YOUR VALUABLES. HUSTLERS AND BOYS WHO SEEM TO PREFER OLDER MEN ARE ESPECIALLY PRONE TO LIGHT FINGEREDNESS.

THE POSSIBILITY OF THEFT IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY YOU MUST INSIST ON KNOWING A GUY'S FULL NAME. IT IS ALSO A REASON WHY YOU SHOULD STICK WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE INTRODUCED TO YOU (PRESUMABLY BY SOMEONE WHO KNOWS THEM WELL ENOUGH TO KNOW THEY ARE TRUSTWORTHY) THAN WITH PEOPLE YOU PICK UP ON YOUR OWN.

THE POLICE WILL NOT BE TOO HELPFUL IN CASES OF SUCH THEFT AS THEY FEEL IT WAS YOUR OWN SILLY FAULT YOU WERE ROBBED.

ON SATURDAY NIGHT SEPTEMBER 19, 1970 I ALLOWED A GUY TO SPEND THE NIGHT WHO WAS PASSING THROUGH VANCOUVER. DURING THE NIGHT HE WALKED OFF WITH MY POSH ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER, CASH, AND MOST OF MY LOVER BEN'S CLOTHES TALLING SOME \$500 WORTH OF GOODS. HIS NAME IS FRANK HOWES, AGE 20, ABOUT 5' 11", WITH BROWN HAIR, A SKINNY BODY, A THIN NOSE, THIN LIPS, AND AN ACNED COMPLEXION. HE WAS DISHONOURABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE AMERICAN ARMY. HE COMES FROM MAINE AND THUS HAS A SLIGHT NEW ENGLAND ACCENT (A BIT LIKE THE LATE BOBBY KENNEDY'S). HE HAS A PREFERENCE FOR ORIENTALS AND SPANIARDS. HE IS NOT AT ALL HANDSOME AND HAS A WASHED OUT PERSONALITY TO BOOT. I COULD FEEL SORRY FOR HIM IF I WERE NOT SO FURIOUS WITH HIM. IF YOU SEE HIM, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICE SAYING THAT HE IS WANTED FOR THEFT IN VANCOUVER B.C.

** THE LAW **

CANADIAN GAYS CAN LOOK BACK ON A LONG REMARKABLY CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE POLICE -- ESPECIALLY IN VANCOUVER.

EVEN THOUGH HOMOSEXUAL ACTS IN PRIVATE BETWEEN CONSENTING ADULTS (OVER 17) WAS MADE LEGAL ONLY RECENTLY, THERE WERE ALMOST NO PROSECUTIONS PREVIOUSLY AND THERE HAVE BEEN NONE SINCE -- EVEN BETWEEN UNDER 17'S. THE DRAG QUEENS HAVE NOT BEEN SO LUCKY.

I WILL RELATE THREE ANECDOTES THAT DEMONSTRATE THE VANCOUVER POLICE FORCE'S HANDS-OFF POLICY. ONE EVENING A MAN PARKED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE B&B AND GOT OUT OF HIS CAR CARRYING AN OPEN BOTTLE OF LIQUOR. NOW IT IS ILLEGAL TO CARRY AN OPEN BOTTLE OF LIQUOR IN YOUR CAR IN B.C., AND THE RULING IS STRICTLY ENFORCED. JUST THEN A POLICE OFFICER SAW AND STOPPED HIM. THE MAN WAS NOT DRUNK AND HE EXPLAINED HE WAS GOING TO THE B&B -- MOTIONING WITH HIS HAND. THE POLICE OFFICER SAID, "IN THAT CASE YOU CAN GO." HAD THE MAN BEEN STRAIGHT HE WOULD HAVE HAD TO PAY A STIFF FINE.

THE SECOND ANECDOTE CONCERNS THE ONLY 'RAID' THAT EVER OCCURED AT THE B&B. AN OFFICER ASKED AT THE WICKET IF HE COULD COME IN. AFTER HE WAS LET IN, HE TOOK A QUICK LOOK AROUND AT THE BOTTLES BEHIND THE BAR. HE ASKED, "ARE THESE BOTTLES YOURS OR THE CUSTOMERS'?" THE OWNER ANSWERED, "THE CUSTOMERS'", AND THE POLICE OFFICER LEFT.

THE THIRD ANECDOTE CONCERNS THE TIME A STRAIGHT COUPLE -- A BOY AND HIS GIRL FRIEND -- BURST THROUGH THE DOORS OF THE B&B WITHOUT PAYING. THEY RAN TO THE BACK OF THE CLUB AND SAT DOWN ON THE FLOOR. THE MANAGER WENT OVER TO THEM AND ASKED, "WILL YOU PLEASE LEAVE. IF YOU DON'T LEAVE, I WILL HAVE TO CALL THE POLICE." THE COUPLE ROLLED WITH LAUGHTER. A SHORT WHILE LATER TWO POLICE OFFICERS ARRIVED AT THE DOOR. THEY TOLD THE MANAGER, "WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING UNTIL YOU PHYSICALLY TRY TO THROW THEM OUT. IF THEY RESIST, WE WILL NAIL THEM FOR ASSAULT." THE MANAGER EXPLAINED THIS TO THE COUPLE. THEIR SMILES QUICKLY TURNED TO LOOKS OF BAFFLEMENT, AND THEY IMMEDIATELY LEFT.

THE ONLY TIME THE POLICE WOULD PROSECUTE WOULD BE IF THERE WAS A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN ELDER MAN BY THE MOTHER OF A VERY YOUNG BOY. THESE PEOPLE WHO PESTER CHILDREN ARE USUALLY HARMLESS BUT THEY SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH GAYS (WHO AS A WHOLE PREFER PEOPLE OF THEIR OWN AGE). EVEN CHICKEN QUEENS (GAYS WHO LIKE YOUNG BOYS) WOULD FIND IT POINTLESS TO TOUCH A BOY WHO HAD NOT YET REACHED PUBERTY.

OTHER CITIES -- ESPECIALLY AMERICAN ONES -- DO NOT ENJOY THE SAME PLEASANT RELATIONS. IN SAN FRANCISCO PEOPLE HAVE BECOME SO PARANOID OF THE THE ENTRAPMENT TECHNIQUES, THAT THE FIRST QUESTION I WAS ASKED EVERYTIME I APPROACHED ANYONE WAS "ARE YOU A COP?" THE GAY BARS ARE MAFIA OWNED, BUT EVEN THEN THE CLUB MANAGERS HAVE TO PAY OFF THE POLICE TO AVOID HARRASSMENT.

THE ONE NIGHT STAND

ONE CLICHE YOU HAVE PROBABLY HEARD AD NAUSEUM IS "THE FRENETIC PROMISCUITY OF THE PLASTIC GAY WORLD IS A FUTILE FLIGHT FROM LONELINESS". IT IS QUITE TRUE THAT YOU MIGHT SLEEP WITH A DIFFERENT GUY EACH WEEK. IF YOU WERE A STRAIGHT GUY, YOU MIGHT MEET 100 GIRLS, DATE 25 OF THEM, GO STEADY WITH 5 OF THEM, AND CONSIDER MARRYING 2 OF THEM. IN THE GAY WORLD THE SAME THING HAPPENS, EXCEPT THAT GETTING TO KNOW SOMEONE INCLUDES HAVING A LONG CONVERSATION WITH HIM AND SLEEPING WITH HIM. MOST GUYS (IF THEY LIKE YOU) WILL GO TO BED WITH YOU ON THE VERY NIGHT YOU MEET THEM. MOST GIRLS, HOWEVER, WILL MAKE YOU TAKE THEM OUT 5 OR SO TIMES FIRST.

MANY GAYS HAVE BEEN BRAINWASHED INTO BELIEVING THAT THEY ARE INCAPABLE OF MAINTAINING A LASTING RELATIONSHIP. THIS IS NOT TRUE, BUT JUST BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE THINK THEY CAN'T STICK WITH SOMEONE, THEY CAN'T. AMONG THE BRAINWASHED, YOU MEET THE ~~THOU-SHALT-NOT-SLEEP-WITH-THE-SAME-PERSON-MORE-THAN-ONCE~~ AND THE ~~IF-THOU-LOVEST-HIM-THOU-SHALT-NOT-LET-IT-SHOW~~ PEOPLE. SOME GAYS HAVE AN IRRATIONAL TERROR OF ANY PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP AND ARE INSTANTLY TURNED OFF BY ANY SENTIMENTAL DISPLAY. WHEN YOU ARE PICKING A GUY UP, YOU MUST BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO FAWN OVER HIM. YOU MAY LET HIM KNOW THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED, BUT YOU MUST NOT LET ON THAT YOU MIGHT BE HURT IF HE WERE TO TURN AND WALK OFF THAT INSTANT.

SOMETIMES YOU WILL DISCOVER THAT A GUY YOU HAVE SLEPT WITH THE PREVIOUS WEEKEND WILL COMPLETELY IGNORE YOU THE FOLLOWING ONE. HE IS JUST TRYING TO TELL YOU THAT HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN YOU AS A PERMANENT LOVER. SOMETIME LATER HE WILL CEASE IGNORING YOU ONCE YOU HAVE TAKEN THE HINT.

GAYS DO NOT CONSIDER SLEEPING WITH SOMEONE AS THE SYMBOL OF UNDYING AFFECTION THAT SOME STRAIGHTS DO -- IE. LOVE IS NOT SCREWING. SOME GAYS CAN NOT LIVE BY THIS CONVENTION AND HENCE BECOME MISERABLY UNHAPPY. OTHERS BECOME OVER-EMOTIONAL AND SUPER-SENSITIVE -- SEEMINGLY CONSTANTLY ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN UNINTENDED INSULT.

SOMEWHAT MORE BRUTAL THAN THE ONE NIGHT STAND IS THE 30 MINUTE STAND. IF YOU GO OUT CRUISING, OR IF YOU GO TO A STEAM BATH, THE PEOPLE YOU MEET WILL BE LOOKING FOR NOTHING BUT PURE UNADULTERATED SEX. AFTER YOUR PARTNER HAS HAD AN ORGASM HE WILL QUICKLY GET DRESSED AND LEAVE -- HE HAS NO INTEREST IN TALKING TO YOU. PEOPLE WITH A SECURE GROUP OF FRIENDS CAN TAKE THE OCCASIONAL 30 MINUTE STAND WITHOUT TOO MUCH PSYCHOLOGICAL DAMAGE, BUT THE NEW GAY WHO HAS NO GAY FRIENDS IS FREQUENTLY DRIVEN TO THE BRINK OF SUICIDE (I OUGHT TO KNOW AS I GET ABOUT 3 SUICIDE CALLS A WEEK) AFTER A SUCCESSION OF SUCH ENCOUNTERS THAT ARE DEVOID OF ANY HUMANITY. IF YOU ARE NEW -- DO NOT CRUISE AND STAY AWAY FROM STEAM BATHS!

PERMANENT RELATIONSHIPS

IN SPITE OF APPEARANCES, AND ALL THE COMMENTS ABOUT WASH-AND-WEAR WEDDING DRESSES, TO THE CONTRARY, THE MAJORITY OF THE 'SINGLE' GAYS ARE LOOKING FOR A PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP. THE PROPORTION OF HOMOSEXUALS INVOLVED IN WHAT CAN REASONABLY BE CALLED 'MARRIAGES' IS APPROXIMATELY 30% -- NOT TOO ENCOURAGING A FIGURE.

GAY PEOPLE DON'T TEND TO SETTLE DOWN NEARLY AS OFTEN AS STRAIGHT PEOPLE DO. ONE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT THERE IS NO FEMALE -- THE ONE WHO PROVIDES THE PRESSURE TO SETTLE DOWN IN HETEROSEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS. A STRAIGHT GUY MAY HAVE TO WAIT SIX MONTHS BEFORE HE CAN START GETTING SEX AGAIN SHOULD HE BREAK UP WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND. A GAY GUY COULD GET IT THE NEXT NIGHT. THUS CRAVING FOR PHYSICAL SEX IS NOT REALLY THE BOND IT IS IN STRAIGHT RELATIONSHIPS.

GAY PEOPLE DO GET MARRIED AND EVEN HAVE CEREMONIES COMPLETE WITH RINGS. THESE MARRIAGES HAVE NOTHING BUT LOVE TO HOLD THEM TOGETHER AS THERE IS NOT THE GLUE OF CHILDREN, DEPENDENCY OF THE WIFE, OR THE LEGAL HASSLE OF A DIVORCE PRESENT IN HETEROSEXUAL MARRIAGES. THEY DO NOT LAST AS LONG AS STRAIGHT MARRIAGES, BUT WHILE THEY DO THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL RELATIONSHIPS AS NEITHER PARTNER CAN EVER TAKE THE OTHER FOR GRANTED.

A MARRIED GAY HAS TO FACE THE TEMPTATION OF HUNDREDS OF SEX-HUNGRY BOYS -- SOMETHING NO STRAIGHT MARRIED GUY HAS THE EQUIVALENT OF FACING. SINCE BOTH PARTNERS USUALLY HAVE CAREERS, A TRANSFER TO ANOTHER CITY IS A LIKELY CAUSE OF BREAK-UP AS A GAY GUY CAN NOT PACK UP HIS 'FAMILY' WITH HIM AS CAN A STRAIGHT.

YOU WILL FIND PEOPLE WHO TELL YOU THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A LASTING RELATIONSHIP. THE REASON THESE PEOPLE THINK THIS IS THAT THEY RARELY SEE 'MARRIED' GAYS AT THE CLUBS OR BARS. JUST A STRAIGHT PEOPLE TEND TO CUT DOWN ON SOCIALIZING -- ESPECIALLY IN NIGHT CLUBS OR BARS -- AFTER THEY GET MARRIED, SO DO GAY COUPLES. GAY GIRLS WITHDRAW TO AN EVEN GREATER DEGREE. THE ONLY GAYS YOU SEE ARE THE ONES WHO ARE OUT LOOKING FOR A LOVER (OR PERHAPS JUST FOR SEX). THE OTHERS ARE OUT MOUNTAIN CLIMBING, BOWLING, GOING TO THEATRES, COLLECTING STAMPS, TENDING THE PET PIRANHA, AND OUT DOING THE MYRIAD OF OTHER THINGS PEOPLE DO BESIDES CRUISE.

IT WOULD OF COURSE BE CHAUVINISTIC (MALE OR FEMALE AS THE CASE MAY BE) TO BLAME THE FAILURE OF GAY MARRIAGES ON EXTERNAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF SUCH FAILURES, FOR THE STRAIGHT AS WELL AS GAY MARRIAGES, IS IMMATURITY. TO EXPECT A WHITE KNIGHT IN SHINING AMOUR TO COME RIDING OVER THE HILL, CARRY YOU OFF TO HIS CASTLE AND GRANT YOUR EVER WISH (LIKE SOME GOOD FAIRY) LEADS TO DISASTER. A GAY MARRIAGE, LIKE A STRAIGHT ONE, REQUIRES CONSTANT EFFORT -- ALL THE GOOD WISHES IN THE WORLD WILL NOT HELP IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO DO ANYTHING. A MARRIAGE IS A RELATIONSHIP OF MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND COMPLETE TRUST -- WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP COULD YOU HAVE IF YOU NEVER KNEW IF YOUR SPOUSE WOULD BE HOME WHEN YOU GOT BACK? THIS IS THE ESSENTIAL POINT BEHIND THE MARRIAGE VOWS, THAT THERE MUST BE THIS GUARANTEE OF PERMANENCE IF ANY SORT OF LOVING RELATIONSHIP IS TO DEVELOP. ANYONE WHO GOES INTO SUCH A RELATIONSHIP EXPECTING THAT IT WILL NOT AFFECT HIS LIFE IN ANY FUNDAMENTAL WAY IS SIMPLY FOOLING HIMSELF AND CHEATING SOMEONE ELSE. IT IS THIS CENTRAL COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER THAT DEFINES MARRIAGE, NOT ANY QUESTION OF CEREMONY OR SOCIAL ACCEPTANCE.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE FORMS OF IMMATURITY THAT WORK AGAINST LASTING RELATIONSHIPS? WHEN A GAY FIRST COMES OUT, THOUGH HE MAY BE 30 YEARS OLD, HE IS STILL IN THE POSITION OF A 16 YEAR OLD BOY WHO HAS JUST DISCOVERED GIRLS. HE WILL FALL IN AND OUT OF LOVE 7 TIMES A MONTH. HE WILL BE SO PROMISCUOUS HE WILL PUT A BARON TO SHAME. THIS IS TO EXPECTED AND IS QUITE NATURAL SO LONG AS IT IS NOT PROLONGED FOREVER. THE NEW GAY, ESPECIALLY IF HE IS OLDER, FEELS HE SHOULD SETTLE AND THUS SETS UP HOUSEKEEPING WITH THE FIRST GUY HE MEETS. CHANCES ARE HE LEAPED BEFORE LOOKING AND THE RELATIONSHIP IS DOOMED TO FAILURE.

HOWEVER SOME GAYS CAN NEVER SETTLE BECAUSE AS SOON AS THEY DO SETTLE, ALONG COMES SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS A LITTLE BIT MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN THE PRESENT PARTNER, AND THEY DROP THE RELATIONSHIP IN THE HOPES OF STARTING UP A NEW ONE WITH THE FASCINATING NEWCOMER. THESE PEOPLE DO NOT REALIZE THAT NO MATTER HOW WONDERFUL YOUR LOVER IS, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE AT LEAST ONE PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO IS BETTER. IF YOU EVER WISH TO HAVE A LASTING RELATIONSHIP YOU EVENTUALLY MUST DECIDE, "I KNOW THE GRASS IS GREENER IN THE NEXT PASTURE, BUT MY OWN GRASS IS GREEN ENOUGH."

BECAUSE THERE IS A SURPLUS OF ELIGIBLE GAYS (AMONG WHOM CERTAINLY MUST BE MR. RIGHT), THE IMMATURE PERSON WILL BE TEMPTED TO DITCH HIS WHOLE RELATIONSHIP AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE AND START AFRESH WITH ANOTHER. AFTER YEARS OF HOPPING, INSTEAD OF FACING THE PROBLEMS OF LIVING WITH SOMEONE WHO IS NOT 100% COMPATIBLE, HE WILL HAVE LOST THE ABILITY TO LOVE AND HE WILL BECOME DISILLUSIONED WITH THE WHOLE MAD GAME. THERE ARE A MILLION BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE OUT IN THE WORLD, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THE RELATIONSHIP YOU HAVE WITH JUST ONE OF THEM IS ANY LESS VALUABLE.

THE BIGGEST PROBLEM THAT A PAIR OF MARRIED GAYS FACE IS JEALOUSY. SOME GAYS CANNOT GET IT THROUGH THEIR HEADS THAT AFTER THEY SETTLE WITH A GUY, THEY CANNOT GO OUT AND HAVE SEX WITH ANYONE THAT APPEALS TO THEM AS THEY COULD BEFORE THEY WERE MARRIED WITHOUT UPSETTING THEIR LOVERS. JEALOUSY IS ILLOGICAL, BUT IT IS A GUT REACTION YOU CAN DO NOTHING ABOUT. YOU CAN'T EXPECT ALL THE REWARDS OF A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITHOUT HAVING TO GIVE UP SOME OF YOUR FREEDOMS.

ON THE OTHER HAND SOME GAYS ARE SO INSANELY JEALOUS AND SUSPICIOUS THAT THEY DRIVE THEIR LOVERS AWAY.

BECAUSE THERE IS NO MORAL STIGMA ATTACHED TO GAY 'ADULTERY', AN UNATTACHED GAY WILL VERY FREQUENTLY TRY TO SEDUCE ONE PARTNER OF A GAY MARRIAGE. HE MAY DO THIS JUST FOR SEXUAL PLEASURE, TO TRY TO LUKE THE SEDUCED PARTNER AWAY INTO A PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, TO SPLIT THE COUPLE WITH THE ENSUING JEALOUS RAGE SO THAT HE WILL HAVE A CHANCE WITH THE OTHER PARTNER THAT HE DID NOT SEDUCE, OR EVEN JUST OUT OF MALICE. IT IS INEVITABLE THAT ONCE IN A WHILE ONE PARTNER OR THE OTHER WILL YIELD TO THE SEDUCER. SOME PARTNERS ARE SO JEALOUS THAT WHEN THIS HAPPENS, THEY INSIST THAT ANY LOVE BETWEEN THEM MUST HAVE SUDDENLY CEASED AND THAT THE RELATIONSHIP MUST TERMINATE. REPEATED AND FREQUENT 'ADULTERY' MAY SIGNIFY THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THE RELATIONSHIP, BUT AN INDISCRETION EVERY 3 MONTHS OR SO SHOULD BE LOOKED ON AS JUST ONE OF THE HAZARDS OF BEING GAY.

I HAVE TALKED TO MANY MARRIED GAY COUPLES AND I FOUND THAT EVERY COUPLE THAT HAD BEEN TOGETHER FOR 7 YEARS OR MORE HAD PROVIDED SOME FORM OF ESCAPE VALVE FOR WANDERLUST. ONE COUPLE MADE TUESDAY UNACCOUNTED FOR. ANOTHER COUPLE INDULGED IN AN OCCASIONAL THREESOME TO SPICE UP THEIR SEX LIVES. ANOTHER COUPLE TOOK SEPARATE HOLIDAYS EACH YEAR TO DIFFERENT GAY WATERING PLACES AND IN EVERY CASE THE JEALOUSY-FANNING DETAILS OF THESE SIDE ESCAPADES WERE NEVER DISCUSSED. I THINK STRAIGHT PEOPLE COULD LEARN FROM OUR ATTITUDE TO ADULTERY.

HOW TO LIVE WITH ANOTHER WOMAN

THIS SECTION WAS WRITTEN BY BEVERLEY, A LESBIAN FRIEND OF MINE WHO HAS LIVING WITH HER LOVER FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

1. LOVE HER. I KNOW THIS SOUNDS CORNY, BUT I CAN'T SEE GOING TO ALL THE EFFORT OF LIVING WITH A PERSON IF YOU DON'T GENUINELY CARE ABOUT THAT PERSON. IF THERE IS NOT A REAL BOND OF SHARED INTERESTS AND AFFECTION, AND IF YOU CAN'T BE YOURSELF IN HER COMPANY, HAVE AN AFFAIR BY ALL MEANS, BUT DON'T TRY TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP.

2. FORGET THE PAST. IN YOUR EFFORT TO COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, YOU'LL PROBABLY EXCHANGE LIFE STORIES. DON'T FALL INTO THE TRAP OF BROODING ABOUT HER PAST RELATIONSHIPS. REMEMBER THAT THE TWO OF YOU ARE LIVING IN THE PRESENT, AND DO WHAT YOU CAN TO MAKE THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE BEAUTIFUL.

3. REALIZE THAT YOU WILL HAVE DIFFERENT WAYS OF DOING THINGS. BY THE TIME YOU FIND THE PERSON YOU WANT TO SETTLE DOWN WITH, BOTH OF YOU WILL PROBABLY HAVE BEEN KEEPING HOUSE FOR YOURSELVES FOR SOME TIME. YOUR HABITS WILL DIFFER ALARMINGLY, NO DOUBT. SHE MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT METHOD OF WASHING THE DISHES, SHE MAY BE USED TO READING IN BED UNTIL THREE IN THE MORNING, SHE MAY BE UNREASONABLY BUGGED BY DRAWERS LEFT OPEN, ETC. NOWHERE IS COMPROMISE MORE NECESSARY THAN IN THESE LITTLE DETAILS. TACT HELPS TOO. THERE IS ALWAYS A RIGHT WAY TO SAY THINGS, AND THE RIGHT TIME TO SAY THEM. BESIDES, YOU'LL PROBABLY FIND THAT MANY OF HER WAYS ARE MORE EFFICIENT OR MORE FUN THAN YOUR OWN. BE FLEXIBLE!

4. RESPECT YOUR RELATIONSHIP. MAKE IT PLAIN TO FRIENDS AND RELATIVES THAT YOU LIVE TOGETHER -- THAT YOU WANT TO DO THINGS TOGETHER. YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANNOUNCE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE LESBIANS, BUT DON'T ACT APOLOGETIC ABOUT IT EITHER. AFTER ALL, YOUR RELATIONSHIP SURELY MEANS AS MUCH (PROBABLY MORE) TO YOU THAN A CONVENTIONAL HETEROSEXUAL MARRIAGE, BUT SOCIETY ISN'T GOING TO RESPECT YOUR RELATIONSHIP UNLESS YOU DEMAND THAT RESPECT. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOUR UNSYMPATHETIC RELATIVES ASK YOU TO DINNER, POINTEDLY IGNORING YOUR LOVER, AN EQUALLY POINTED REFUSAL IS IN ORDER, UNLESS YOU CARE MORE FOR THEIR APPROVAL THAN FOR HER FEELINGS.

5. SHARE YOUR WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY. YOU WILL PROBABLY BOTH HAVE A JOB OR SOME OTHER COMMITMENT OUTSIDE THE HOME. THAT'S GOOD, BECAUSE THEN NEITHER OF YOU GETS TO BE THE DRUDGE. CERTAIN TASKS STILL NEED TO BE PERFORMED, HOWEVER, AND IT'S BEST IF THEY ARE SHARED. AGAIN, FLEXIBILITY SHOULD PREVAIL. WE FIND OURSELVES ADHERING TO A LOOSE SORT OF PLANNED ALLOCATION, BUT IF EITHER OF US JUST PLAIN DOESN'T FEEL LIKE DOING SOMETHING AT A CERTAIN TIME THE OTHER WILL DO IT WILLINGLY. (THIS WOULDN'T WORK WITHOUT #1 OF COURSE.) IT IS IMPORTANT TO GET USED TO SHARING RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL AS WORK. IF YOU ARE USED TO BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST THINGS YOURSELF YOU WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO MAKE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO LET YOUR PARTNER HAVE HALF OF THE RESPONSIBILITY. (THIS APPLIES PARTICULARLY IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN THE WIFE IN A HETEROSEXUAL MARRIAGE, FOLLOWING THE STANDARD PATTERN OF CARRYING ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY WHILE PRETENDING TO YOUR HUSBAND THAT IT WAS REALLY HIS. I MAY AS WELL POINT OUT RIGHT NOW THAT THERE IS NO ROOM FOR PRETENSE OR MANIPULATION IN A GAY MARRIAGE.)

6. DON'T EXPECT MIRACLES. YOU MAY THINK THAT LIVING WITH A WOMAN IN MUTUAL LOVE WILL BE THE ANSWER TO ALL YOUR PROBLEMS. IF YOU ENTER A RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS EXPECTATION, YOU ARE BOUND TO BE DISAPPOINTED. YOU WILL WAKE UP ONE MORNING AND REALIZE THAT IN SPITE OF YOUR WONDERFUL NEW LIFE YOU ARE THE SAME OLD PERSON WITH THE SAME OLD DREARY HANGUPS. THE BEST WAY OF DEALING WITH THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS POSSIBLE PITFALL AT THE OUTSET. GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND EACH OTHER'S PROBLEMS AS WELL AS POSSIBLE. THEN WHEN YOU FEEL THE OLD INSECURITY (OR WHATEVER YOUR PROBLEM MAY BE) CROPPING UP, YOUR PARTNER IS EQUIPPED TO HELP YOU OVER A ROUGH TIME, AND TO REALIZE AT THE SAME TIME THAT IT IS NOT HER FAULT. YOU CAN DO THE SAME FOR HER. THIS SORT OF 'GROWING TOGETHER' MAY BE MORE PAINFUL THAN A MIRACLE, BUT IT IS INFINITELY MORE REWARDING TOO.

7. BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER. I CAN'T OVERSTRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS. THE GAY MARRIAGE OFFERS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONESTY, BECAUSE UNLIKE ITS HETEROSEXUAL COUNTERPART, IT ISN'T ALL HEMMED IN AND SURROUNDED BY ROLE EXPECTATIONS. YOU AND YOUR LOVER ARE FREE TO BE HONEST, TO CREATE YOUR VERY OWN RELATIONSHIP, UNLIKE ANY OTHER. JUST THINK, YOU CAN BE PERSONS, NOT STEREOTYPES. OF COURSE YOU CAN ONLY DO THIS IF EACH OF YOU SHARES HER REAL FEELINGS WITH THE OTHER. CONVERSELY, IF YOU FAIL TO BE HONEST, YOU WILL SOON BE HARBOURING NEEDLESS TENSIONS, SUSPICIONS, AND RESENTMENTS. NO GOOD RELATIONSHIP CAN EXIST ON THAT BASIS.

8. REALIZE THAT SOCIETY IS AGAINST YOU. UNPLEASANT, BUT THERE IT IS. YOUR MARRIAGE ISN'T SOCIALLY RECOGNIZED. THERE ARE NO MARRIAGE COUNSELLORS FOR GAY PEOPLE, NO SYMPATHETIC CLERGY EAGER TO HELP YOU SUCCEED IN LIVING WITH EACH OTHER, VERY FEW UNDERSTANDING PSYCHIATRISTS. (MOST OF THEM GIVE LIP SERVICE TO THE BELIEF THAT IT'S O.K. TO BE GAY, BUT SCRATCH ANY PSYCHIATRIST AND YOU'LL MOST LIKELY FIND A GUY WHO THINKS IT'S INFINITELY PREFERABLE TO BE 'NORMAL'.) YOU WON'T BE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND SOCIAL EVENTS WITH YOUR GAY PARTNER. YOU ARE PROBABLY ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH THE SLY DIGS AND CRACKS DIRECTED TOWARD ANY WOMAN NOT LIVING WITH A MAN, AND WHILE PEOPLE WON'T OPENLY ACCUSE YOU OF BEING HOMOSEXUAL, IF YOU LIVE WITH ANOTHER WOMAN THEY WILL PROBABLY TALK ABOUT YOU BEHIND YOUR BACK. YOU MAY BE LUCKY AND FIND THAT YOUR FRIENDS ARE FREE ENOUGH AND CONFIDENT ENOUGH IN THEMSELVES TO ACCEPT YOUR LESBIANISM, BUT DON'T EXPECT THIS. YOU MAY FEEL OBLIGED TO HIDE YOUR HOMOSEXUALITY FOR REASONS SUCH AS JOB SECURITY. IN SHORT, THERE IS A LOT OF OUTSIDE PRESSURE THAT WILL PROBABLY HAVE SOME EFFECT ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP. IF OUR SICK SOCIETY GETS YOU DOWN IN THIS REGARD, THE BEST THING TO DO IS GET INVOLVED WITH SOME OTHER GAY PEOPLE. THERE YOU WILL BE ACCEPTED AS A COUPLE, AND YOU'LL PROBABLY EXPERIENCE A WONDERFUL SENSE OF RELEASE. YOU MIGHT EVEN MAKE SOME MUTUAL FRIENDS.

9. ENJOY YOUR SEXUAL FREEDOM. YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THIS ASPECT, BUT YOU PROBABLY WILL UNTIL YOU FIND OUT THAT IT REALLY DOES LOOK AFTER ITSELF. IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING LIVING WITH ANOTHER WOMAN, YOU HAVE PROBABLY HAD SOME ENJOYABLE SEXUAL EXPERIENCES WITH HER. NO MATTER HOW SHY AND AWKWARD YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR LOVE-MAKING, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU REALLY LOVE EACH OTHER. THERE ARE NO TECHNIQUES AND NO RULES, JUST WONDERFUL THINGS TO DISCOVER ABOUT EACH OTHER. YOU WILL COME TO KNOW YOUR LOVER'S BODY MORE INTIMATELY ALL THE TIME, AND YET IT WILL ALWAYS SEEM A NEW DELIGHT. THIS IS BECAUSE THERE CAN BE SUCH VARIETY IN SEX PLAY BETWEEN LESBIANS, AND SO MUCH ROOM FOR VARIATION IN MOOD, SENSATION, AND TYPE OF DESIRE. AGAIN, YOU BENEFIT FROM LACK OF STRUCTURE. AS ROEDY SAYS, THERE NEED BE NO BUTCH-FEMME TYPE CASTING, JUST TOTAL FREEDOM IN TOUCH AND RESPONSE. YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF PLAYING DIFFERENT ROLES AT DIFFERENT TIMES, IN RESPONSE TO YOUR PARTNER'S NEED. AND AT THE SAME TIME, BOTH OF YOU WILL BE AWARE THAT THESE ROLES ARE TEMPORARILY ASSUMED, AND CAN BE VARIED AT ANY TIME.

10. REALIZE HOW LUCKY YOU ARE. YOUR RELATIONSHIP EXISTS FROM DAY TO DAY BECAUSE YOU WANT IT TO, NOT BECAUSE YOU ARE INEXTRICABLY BOUND TOGETHER BY SOCIETY'S MORES. YOU HAVE FOUND SOMEONE YOU LOVE WHO LOVES YOU, WHICH MAKES YOU ONE OF THE LUCKIEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

WHAT IT IS LIKE TO HAVE A PERMANENT LOVER

IF YOU ARE A GUY AND JUST SKIPPED THAT LAST SECTION, GO BACK AND READ IT -- IT APPLIES TO YOU EQUALLY WELL; IT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU WILL READ IN THIS ENTIRE BOOKLET!

AFTER ALL THAT TALK ABOUT THE WORK INVOLVED IN LASTING RELATIONSHIPS, YOU MAY WONDER "IS IT WORTH IT?" I AM 'MARRIED' (TO A GUY) MYSELF, AND WHEN YOU MEET ME, YOU WILL ALSO MEET MY LOVER BEN, WHOM I HAVE KNOWN FOR A LITTLE OVER A YEAR, AND I WILL TELL YOU UNEQUIVOCABLY, "YES!"

THERE ARE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES TO HAVING A PERMANENT LOVER. I DON'T HAVE TO GO OUT SEARCHING FOR A PARTNER EVERY TIME A FEEL A LITTLE HORNY. I AM NOT AFRAID OF GROWING OLD. SEX IS MUCH MORE SATISFYING BECAUSE AFTER ALL THIS TIME WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE OTHER LIKES, AND WE ARE UNINHIBITED ENOUGH TO TRY NEW THINGS.

BUT SEX IS ONLY A PART OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. I CANNOT PUT MY FEELINGS ABOUT THE OTHER PARTS INTO WORDS SO I WILL HAVE TO BE CONTENT WITH CITING A FEW AWKWARD-SOUNDING EXAMPLES. ORDEALS SUCH AS FACING A PROFESSOR TO EXPLAIN WHY I HAVE NOT GOT MY TERM PROJECT READY ON TIME ARE NO LONGER THE STOMACH-CRAMPING TORTURES THEY USED TO BE. IN SOME STRANGE WAY IT FEELS AS THOUGH BEN IS RIGHT BEHIND ME BACKING ME UP. EVERYDAY CHORES LIKE COOKING DINNER ARE NOT SUCH DRODGERY BECAUSE I KNOW I AM DOING THEM FOR HIM. WITH BEN I FEEL COMPLETELY AT EASE. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO THINK OF MY LOVE FOR HIM AS BEING IN ANY WAY WRONG. I FEEL PROUD OF MY HOMOSEXUALITY.

I PROBABLY SOUND LIKE A YOUNG GROOM STILL ON HIS HONEYMOON WHO HAS YET TO RUN INTO THE GRIM REALITIES OF MARRIED LIFE, BUT I'M LEARNING QUICKLY. WE GET ON EACH OTHER'S NERVES AT TIMES -- TRIVIAL THINGS SUCH AS FORGETTING TO PUT THE SHAVING CREAM BACK IN THE CUPBOARD, OR OVER-SPICING THE MEAT CAN DEVELOP INTO MINOR BATTLES IF WE ARE BOTH TIRED AND GRUMPY. LIVING CLOSE TO SOMEONE AS A LOVER IS DEFINITELY MORE OF A STRAIN THAN LIVING WITH SOMEONE JUST AS A ROOM-MATE.

THEN THERE ARE THE NIGHTS WHEN WE WALK HOME FROM THE CLUB HOLDING HANDS, OR WHEN WE GO TO A MOVIE AND HE PUTS HIS HEAD ON MY SHOULDER, OR LATE AT NIGHT AFTER ALL THE GUESTS HAVE GONE WHEN WE CRAWL INTO BED TOGETHER AND HE PUTS HIS ARMS AROUND ME, WHEN I WOULD NOT TRADE PLACES WITH ANYONE ELSE ON EARTH.

THE PERCEPTIVE READER MAY HAVE REALIZED THAT ALMOST ALL OF WHAT I HAVE SAID ABOUT GAY MARRIAGES IS EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO STRAIGHT ONES. THE PERCEPTIVE READER WILL THEREFORE HAVE ALREADY GRASPED THE NEXT POINT I AM GOING TO MAKE. THE PERCEPTIVE READER MAY SKIP THE REST OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

SO MUCH IS MADE OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE HOMOSEXUAL AND THE HETEROSEXUAL THAT THE SIMILARITIES ARE OFTEN OVERLOOKED. HOMOSEXUALS WORK AT THE SAME JOBS, DRINK AT THE SAME PUBS, GO TO THE SAME MOVIES, AND LIVE IN THE SAME DISTRICTS AS HETEROSEXUALS. THEY HAVE THE SAME PROBLEMS AND THE SAME DREAMS.

HOW TO TELL IF A GUY IS GAY

FOR EACH STATEMENT THAT APPLIES TO YOUR SUSPECT ADD ON THE ASSOCIATED NUMBER OF POINTS.

HE IS EFFEMINATE (4)
HE WEARS WHITE SHOES (5)
HE WEARS TIGHT PANTS (5)
HE IS VERY STUDIOUS AND VERY INVOLVED IN HIS WORK (6)
HE WAS FAT AS A YOUNG BOY BUT HAS RECENTLY LOST A LOT OF WEIGHT (6)
HE DOES NOT APPRECIATE SURPRISE VISITS (7)
HE DOES NOT ENJOY TALKING ABOUT GIRLS (7)
HE TRIES TO KEEP YOU FROM MEETING HIS MALE FRIENDS (8)
HIS HAIR IS ALWAYS IN PLACE EVEN AFTER HE HAS DONE VIOLENT EXERCISE (9)
HE WEARS A RING ON HIS LITTLE FINGER (9)
HE HAS A LARGE NUMBER OF MALE FRIENDS (9)
HE SPENDS A LOT OF MONEY ON CLOTHES (10)
HE IS A BODY BUILDER (10)
HE HAS NO GIRLFRIEND (10)
HE LIVES WITH ANOTHER GUY IN A 1 BEDROOM HIGHRISE APARTMENT (10)
HE WENT TO SEE 'THE BOYS IN THE BAND' (11)
HE OWNS SOME PIECE OF VERY WILD CLOTHING HE NEVER WEARS (TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE) (12)
WHEN ASKED ABOUT HIS LOVE LIFE HE SAYS IT IS COMPLICATED (12)
HE LIKES READING THOMAS MANN, MARCEL PROUST, ANDRE GIDE, OR JEAN GENET (13)
HIS FAST DANCING IS SALACIOUS (14)
HE LIGHTS HIS CIGARETTE WITH A LOT OF FINGER MOTION (15)
BY SLIP OF THE TONGUE HE CALLS A GUY "SHE" OR "BITCH" (15)
HE HAS A DOMINEERING MOTHER (15)
HE USES THE WORD 'TACKY' (15)
HE STARES AT OTHER BOYS AS HE WALKS DOWN THE STREET (17)
HE ACCIDENTALLY BUMPS INTO YOU FREQUENTLY (17)
HE PROTESTS TOO MUCH WHEN HE HAS WITNESSED ANY GAY BEHAVIOUR (20)
HE HAS A WITHDRAWN FATHER (20)
HE TALKS ABOUT GOING TO THE CLUBS (20)
HE BRINGS UP THE SUBJECT OF HOMOSEXUALITY IN CONVERSATION (20)
HE GOES OUT AT 11:00 P.M. AND DOES NOT COME BACK TILL THE NEXT DAY (20)
HE IS A FLORIST, HAIR DRESSER, ACTOR OR COMPUTER PROGRAMMER (20)
BY SLIP OF THE TONGUE HE CALLS SOMEONE HIS HUSBAND OR LOVER (30)
ALONE WITH YOU LATE AT NIGHT HE SHIVERS OR BECOMES EXCITED (30)

NOW THAT YOU HAVE CAREFULLY TOTALLED ALL THE POINTS I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE FINAL SCORE IS USELESS -- THERE IS NO WAY (SAVE MAKING A PASS) OF TELLING IF A GUY IS GAY OR NOT.

BUT ONE WAY OF HAZARDING A GUESS ABOUT THE SEXUAL INCLINATIONS OF A COMPLETE STRANGER IS TO STARE HIM IN THE EYE AS YOU PASS HIM ON THE STREET. IF HE IS GAY, HE WILL LOCK EYES WITH YOU FOR ABOUT 3 TO 6 SECONDS AND THEN HE WILL TURN AWAY AND NOT LOOK AT YOU AGAIN. HE MAY HOWEVER DO A DOUBLE TAKE AND LOOK AT YOU OVER HIS SHOULDER IF HE THOUGHT YOU WERE ATTRACTIVE. IF HE IS AN UN-COME-OUT GAY HE WILL LOOK YOU IN THE EYE FOR A FRACTION OF A SECOND AND THEN LOOK STUDIOUSLY IN ANOTHER DIRECTION. IF HE IS STRAIGHT HE WILL LOOK YOU IN THE EYE FOR A FRACTION OF A SECOND, THEN WILL LOOK AWAY, BUT WILL LOOK BACK TO SEE IF YOU ARE STILL STARING, AND WILL THEN LOOK AWAY AGAIN THREE OR FOUR TIMES. GAYS ARE VERY AWARE OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE BEING STARED AT. IF YOU ARE IN A ROOM OF 200 GAYS AND STARE ACROSS THE ROOM AT ANOTHER GAY, HE WILL SOON NOTICE (EVEN IF YOU ARE A COMPLETE STRANGER).

TELLING YOUR FRIENDS YOU ARE GAY

SHOULD YOU TELL YOUR FRIENDS THAT YOU ARE GAY? I HAVE TOLD MINE. USUALLY THEY ARE QUITE SURPRIZED, BUT NONE OF THEM REACTS IN AT ANY WAY A NEGATIVE MANNER. ACTUALLY I AM USUALLY QUITE DISAPPOINTED THAT I DON'T GET A STRONGER REACTION. THE FIRST THING THEY USUALLY SAY IS "YOU CAN'T BE, WHY YOU LOOK PERFECTLY NORMAL." THIS ERRONEOUS IDEA THAT GAY PEOPLE SOMEHOW LOOK DIFFERENT IS A PERFECTLY MARVELLOUS COVER FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO KNOW. THUS YOU WILL FIND THE ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS THAT YOU TAKE TO APPEAR STRAIGHT TO YOUR FRIENDS ARE COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY. WHEN YOU GET INTO THE WORLD YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT SOME OF THE ABSURD LENGTHS PEOPLE GO TO TO APPEAR SUPER-STRAIGHT. YOU JUST HAVE TO SIT AND LAUGH AND DROP ALL YOUR OWN FEARS ABOUT BEING 'FOUND OUT'. I WOULD DEFINITELY ADVISE TELLING AT LEAST ONE PERSON THAT YOU ARE GAY. I THINK THAT 90% OF YOUR PROBLEM IS JUST NOT HAVING SOMEONE YOU CAN TALK TO.

TELLING YOUR WIFE THAT YOU ARE GAY

AS A GENERAL RULE I WOULD NOT ADVISE TELLING YOUR WIFE. THIS IS NOT AN ACADEMIC PROBLEM AS 70% OF THE PEOPLE OVER 30 WHO PHONE ME ARE MARRIED TO MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX. THE PROBLEM IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE TO THE ONE OF "SHOULD I TELL MY WIFE IF I COMMIT ADULTERY?" TELLING YOUR WIFE WILL EASE YOUR CONSCIENCE, BUT IT WILL HURT HER TOO MUCH. SHE WOULD BE AT A COMPLETE LOSS AS TO WHAT TO DO -- SHE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HANDLE ANOTHER WOMAN -- BUT ANOTHER MAN? YOUR HOMOSEXUALITY REFLECTS ON HER FEMININITY -- SHE ASKS HERSELF "AM I SO UNSEXY THAT MY HUSBAND WOULD RATHER SLEEP WITH A MAN THAN ME?" IF YOU ARE MARRIED, YOU HAVE PROMISED FIDELITY TO THAT ONE PERSON. IF YOU WANT TO FOOL AROUND WITH OTHER MEN OR WOMEN, YOU SHOULD GET A DIVORCE OR BE PREPARED TO GIVE YOUR WIFE THE SAME FREEDOM.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON GETTING MARRIED TO A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITE SEX, AND YOU HAVE STRONG HOMOSEXUAL FEELINGS, I CAN PROMISE YOU (AND I HAVE SEEN LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF BROKEN MARRIAGES) THOSE HOMOSEXUAL FEELINGS WILL NOT GO AWAY. IF YOU STILL WANT TO GET MARRIED YOU MUST TELL YOUR FIANCEE ABOUT YOUR DESIRES AND LET HER DECIDE IF SHE WANTS TO TAKE THE RISK. IF YOU DO GET MARRIED WITHOUT TELLING HER, I HEREBY CURSE YOU: ABITE AME IN IGNAM AETERNAM QUI PARATUS EST DIABELO ET ANGELUS EIUS.

HOW TO TELL YOUR PARENTS YOU ARE GAY

SHOULD YOU TELL YOUR PARENTS YOU ARE GAY? I HAVE TOLD MINE, BUT YOU SHOULD THINK TWICE BEFORE FOLLOWING SUIT. ONCE YOU HAVE DECIDED TO TELL YOUR PARENTS, TAKE SOME OF YOUR GAY FRIENDS TO MEET THEM. DO NOT TELL YOUR PARENTS YOUR FRIENDS ARE GAY. NEXT TELL YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS THAT YOU ARE GAY. AS A RULE THEY WILL TAKE IT VERY FASTLY. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR PARENTS LATER ON. THEN GO TO SEE A BROAD-MINDED FRIEND OF THE FAMILY AND EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT YOU ARE GAY. HE TOO WILL TAKE IT QUITE EASILY AS HE IS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED. EXPLAIN TO HIM WHAT A GAY LIFE IS LIKE -- GIVE HIM THIS BOOKLET.

GO WITH HIM TO SEE WHICHEVER OF YOUR PARENTS WILL MORE EASILY ACCEPT YOUR HOMOSEXUALITY -- USUALLY YOUR MOTHER. BREAK THE NEWS AS GENTLY AS POSSIBLE BUT BE READY FOR A TEARFUL "WHERE HAVE I FAILED?" TELL HER ALL THOSE FRIENDS YOU BROUGHT OVER WERE GAY TOO. THIS WILL HELP HER TO FEEL YOU ARE NOT IN THE COMPANY OF A GROPE OF DEGENERATES. IF SHE IS RELIGIOUS, GIVE HER "TOWARDS A QUAKER VIEW OF SEX" TO READ. SHE WILL BE UPSET THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE CHILDREN. SO EVEN IF IT IS NOT SO, LIE A LITTLE AND TELL HER THAT YOU ARE BISEXUAL AND THAT THERE IS STILL A CHANCE YOU MAY HAVE KIDS. SHE WILL BE AFRAID FOR YOU -- THAT YOU WILL LOSE YOUR JOB -- THAT YOU WILL BE A PARIAH. TELL HER SHE DOES NOT NEED TO PROTECT YOU FROM POLICE HARASSMENT AS IT IS NON EXISTENT. THE YOUNGER GENERATION (THE ONE THAT YOU WILL LIVE YOUR LIFE WITH) HAS A MUCH MORE TOLERANT ATTITUDE THAN HER GENERATION SO YOU WILL NOT BE AN OUTCAST.

DO NOT DISCUSS SEXUAL ACTS AND ABOVE ALL DO NOT TELL HER WHICH SEXUAL ACTS YOU LIKE DOING. THE OLDER GENERATION GETS VIOLENTLY UPSET THINKING OF SOME OF THE SEX HABITS OF THE HETEROSEXUAL YOUNGER GENERATION MUCH LESS THOSE OF THE HOMOSEXUAL ONE. LET HER KNOW THAT YOU WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO FIND OTHER HOMOSEXUALS AND THAT YOU WERE NOT LED DOWN THE PRIMROSE PATH. LET HER KNOW ABOUT THE NON-SEXUAL SIDE OF YOUR GAY LIFE -- THE PARTIES, CLUBS, FRIENDS AND LOVERS. TELL HER HOW YOU ATTEMPTED SUICIDE (OR SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED IT) BEFORE YOU CAME OUT AND NOW THAT YOU HAVE COME OUT, YOU HAVE NOT EVEN THOUGHT OF IT AGAIN. TRY TO IMPRESS ON HER THAT YOU ARE STILL THE SAME BOY SHE KNEW; SHE HAS DISCOVERED ONE MORE FACET OF YOUR CHARACTER.

LATER, ONCE ONE PARENT HAS BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO YOUR HOMOSEXUALITY (ABOUT 3 MONTHS LATER) BOTH OF YOU SHOULD APPROACH THE OTHER. YOUR FATHER WILL TAKE IT HARDER AS YOUR HOMOSEXUALITY REFLECTS ON HIS MASCULINITY. HE THINKS THAT PEOPLE WILL THINK HE IS GAY TOO.

BISEXUALITY

IN NEARLY EVERY CIVILIZATION OTHER THAN THE JEWEL-CHRISTIAN ONES, MEN WERE EXPECTED TO BE BISEXUAL -- ENJOY SEX WITH BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. OUR CIVILIZATION IS 'ABNORMAL' (DEVIATES FROM THE STANDARD) IN ITS STRICT SUPPRESSION OF OUR HOMOSEXUAL DESIRES. MANY HOMOSEXUAL PEOPLE FEEL THAT BISEXUAL PEOPLE ARE 'FENCE-SITTERS' OR ELSE LATENT HOMOSEXUALS WHO MAINTAIN AN INTEREST IN GIRLS AS A SHIP TO THEIR MASCULINITY-DEMANDING EGOS. I THINK IT IS TERRIBLY PRESUMPTUOUS OF A GAY TO SAY TO A BISEXUAL "YOUR INTERESTS IN GIRLS ARE NOT GENUINE -- THEY ARE JUST FOR SHOW." IT IS JUST AS PRESUMPTUOUS AS A STRAIGHT TELLING A GAY "YOUR INTEREST IN MEN ARE NOT GENUINE. YOU DON'T REALLY LOVE A MAN," JUST BECAUSE YOU CANNOT FEEL SOME PARTICULAR EMOTION DOES NOT MEAN THAT NO ONE ELSE CAN.

MANY PEOPLE TRY VERY HARD TO DEFINE EXACTLY WHERE THEY STAND ON THE HOMOSEXUAL-HETEROSEXUAL SPECTRUM. ONCE THEY HAVE DECIDED WHERE THEY FIT, THEY FEEL GUILTY WHENEVER THEY STRAY FROM THIS POSITION. WHY I WILL NEVER KNOW. MY GAY FRIENDS ARE FOREVER TRYING TO GET ME TO GIVE UP MY HETEROSEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS BY ACCUSING ME OF BEING INCAPABLE OF MAKING UP MY MIND. AND OF COURSE MY STRAIGHT FRIENDS ARE FOREVER TRYING TO GET ME TO BECOME COMPLETELY STRAIGHT. WHY SHOULD I CATEGORICALLY REFUSE A BEAUTIFUL PERSON WHOM I REALLY LIKE JUST BECAUSE SHE HAS THE WRONG KIND OF GENITALS?

SOME GAYS FORCE THEMSELVES TO FUCK GIRLS JUST TO PROVE THEY CAN STILL DO IT. SOME GAYS HATE THEMSELVES FOR THEIR OCCASIONAL LUST AFTER RAQUEL WELCH. OF COURSE STRAIGHT GUYS WRONGLY SUPPRESS ANY FEELINGS THEY MAY HAVE FOR OTHER GUYS. TRUST YOURSELF. YOUR MIND KNOWS WHAT IT NEEDS.

TRANSVESTITES

A TRANSVESTITE IS A MALE OR FEMALE WHO WEARS THE CLOTHING OF THE OPPOSITE GENDER AND ASSUMES SOME OF THE MANNERS, HABITS AND VOICE OF THE OPPOSITE GENDER TO VARIOUS DEGREES. A TRANSVESTITE IS NOT NECESSARILY A HOMOSEXUAL. AND AS I HAVE SAID MANY OTHER TIMES IN THIS ESSAY, VERY FEW HOMOSEXUALS ARE ALSO TRANSVESTITES. THOSE THAT ARE BOTH ARE CALLED 'DRAG QUEENS'.

IF YOU THINK THAT HOMOSEXUALS ARE A REPRESSED GROUP, HAVE A GOOD LOOK AT THE TRANSVESTITES. THE POLICE HASSLE THEM CONSTANTLY; GANGS OF KIDS BEAT THEM UP; THEY ARE REJECTED BY THE STRAIGHT WORLD AND A GOODLY PROPORTION OF THE GAY WORLD IS NO MORE TOLERANT. YOU, AS A NEW GAY, PROBABLY HAVE THAT SAME PREJUDICE THE STRAIGHTS HAVE. EVENTUALLY YOU WILL BUMP INTO SOME TRANSVESTITES AND YOU WILL GET TO TALK TO THEM AND GET TO SEE THAT THEY ARE PEOPLE TOO. UNTIL YOU CAN GET OVER YOUR SUPPOSED GUT-REACTION FEAR AND DISGUST WITH SO HARMLESS A GROUP AS THE TRANSVESTITES, YOU ARE ONE HELL OF A HYPOCRITE IN EXPECTING THE STRAIGHT WORLD TO GET OVER THEIR GUT-REACTION DISGUST OF YOU.

OTHER SOCIETIES DO NOT HAVE THE SAME UP-TIGHT FEELINGS ABOUT TRANSVESTITES. AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES WERE QUITE FAMILIAR WITH TRANSVESTISM AND TRANSEXUALISM, AND SUCH PERSONS WERE KNOWN AS 'NADLE' BY THE NAVAHO, AS 'IWA-MUSP' BY THE CALIFORNIA INDIANS, AND 'EL HA' BY THE COCOPA. TAHITIAN TRANSVESTITES ARE CALLED 'MAHUS'. A GHETTO OF TRANSVESTIC MALE HOMOSEXUALS EXISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES. MANY ANCIENT AND ORIENTAL AND MEDITERRANEAN CULTURES USED TRANSVESTISM EXTENSIVELY IN RELIGION, AND PRIESTS TOOK UP FEMININE ATTIRE AND ATTEMPTED TO PERFORM TRANSEXUAL SURGERY TO SOME DEGREE. IN INDIA A GROUP OF TRANSVESTIC CASTRATI TURNED UP AT THE POLLS TO VOTE AND WERE AMAZED TO FIND THEMSELVES LISTED AS MALE VOTERS.

AGAIN IT IS NOT THE TRANSGESTITE WHO IS SICK, IT IS OUR SOCIETY. IT WAS ONCE SAID THAT THE PURITANS LEFT ENGLAND FOR AMERICA NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE PERSECUTED FOR THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, BUT THAT THEY WERE PREVENTED FROM PERSECUTING OTHERS. THIS ATTITUDE THAT YOU ARE MORALLY JUSTIFIED IN PERSECUTING THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT EXACT CARBON COPIES OF YOURSELF, GREW UP WITH NORTH AMERICA.

MY OLD ENGLISH TEACHER WROTE ME A LETTER AFTER I TOLD HIM I WAS GAY. HE ENDED IT WITH FRITZ PERLS' PRAYER FOR GESTALT THERAPY:

I DO MY THING AND YOU DO YOUR THING.
I AM NOT IN THIS WORLD TO LIVE UP TO YOUR EXPECTATIONS
AND YOU ARE NOT IN THIS WORLD TO LIVE UP TO MINE.
YOU ARE YOU AND I AM I
AND IF BY CHANCE WE FIND EACH OTHER, IT'S BEAUTIFUL.
IF NOT, IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

I WOULD ASK THAT YOU TAKE THAT FOR A CREDO, AND THINK ABOUT IT THE NEXT TIME YOU GET THE URGE TO DENOUNCE TRANSGESTITES, SADISTS, BUTCH LESBIANS OR EFFEMINATE GAYS.

GAYS AS A MINORITY GROUP

IF WE REALLY ARE THE HARMLESS PEOPLE I HAVE MADE US OUT TO BE IN THE PREVIOUS PART OF THIS ESSAY, THEN WHY ARE WE SO VIOLENTLY HATED BY SOME STRAIGHTS?

PERHAPS THEY ARE AFRAID HOMOSEXUALS WILL CONVERT HETEROSEXUALS AND THUS PUT AN END TO THE REPRODUCTION OF THE HUMAN RACE. THIS IS ABSURD FOR TWO REASONS:

1. WE DON'T NEED OR EVEN WANT TO CONVERT STRAIGHTS FOR WE ARE NOT STARVED FOR SEX PARTNERS.
2. HETEROSEXUALITY IS A DURABLE BIOLOGICAL URGE THAT HAS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM OTHER FORMS OF SEXUAL RESPONSE. IN FACT A SOCIETY WHICH REPRISSES OTHER FORMS OF SEXUAL RESPONSE CREATES THE ANXIETIES WHICH THREATEN THE ENJOYMENT OF HETEROSEXUAL LOVE.

OR PERHAPS IT IS BECAUSE PEOPLE TEND TO SEE THEIR OWN 'FAULTS' MOST EASILY IN OTHERS. PEOPLE WHO TRY TO HIDE AND SUPPRESS THEIR GAY LONGINGS (REMEMBER 60% OF ALL MALES HAVE SUCH FEELINGS AT SOME TIME DURING POST-ADOLESCENCE) BECOME BITTERLY AND IRRATIONALLY ANTI-HOMOSEXUAL. YOU, MY POOR FELLOW GAY, ARE THE SCAPEGOAT FOR THEIR SELF-HATRED. WE ARE THE ONLY GROUP LEFT WHO WILL ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE USED AS SCAPEGOATS. WE ARE THE ONLY MINORITY GROUP LEFT ABOUT WHOM IT IS SOCIALLY CHIC TO MAKE PUBLIC JEST.

YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO HEAR ME SPEAK OF HOMOSEXUALS AS AN OPPRESSED MINORITY GROUP, AS I MIGHT SPEAK OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO, BUT HERE IS MY TRAIN OF REASONING. WE ARE RIDICULED AND CARICATURIZED AS LIMP-WRISTED LISPING FAGGOTS WHO WORK AS HAIRDRESSERS, ARRANGE FLOWERS AS A HOBBY, READ ROMANTIC POETRY, AND ARE ACTIVE IN THE WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT. THE AMERICAN NEGRO WAS SIMILARLY CARICATURAIZED AS A LAZY AND SEX-CRAZED VERSION OF LIL ABNER. WE ARE CALLED PEJORATIVE NAMES LIKE 'QUEER', 'DYKE', 'FAGGOT', 'HOMO', OR 'FAIRY'. EVEN THE WORD 'GAY' HAS NASTY CONNOTATIONS FOR THE STRAIGHT WORLD. THE NEGRO WAS CALLED DISPARAGING NAMES LIKE 'NIGGER' AND 'DARKY'. FURTHERMORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE SHOWN ANTI-GAY FILMS DEPICTING US AS DEGENERATES. (HOW IS A YOUNG GAY BOY (MUCH LESS A STRAIGHT ONE IN THE NORMAL HOMOSEXUAL PHASE) GOING TO FEEL? HE HAS ENOUGH NEEDLESS GUILT ALREADY WITHOUT THE SCHOOLS PILING ON MORE.) SIMILARLY AMERICAN SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE TAUGHT THAT NEGROS WERE INFERIOR AS WELL AS DANGEROUS. MANY LEARNED PAPERS ARE WRITTEN ON THE 'SICKNESS' OF HOMOSEXUALITY. HAVE A LOOK AT THE 'SCIENTIFIC' STUDIES THAT WERE DONE TO PROVE THE NEGRO WAS INHERENTLY INFERIOR TO THE WHITE. THE NEGRO ACTUALLY BELIEVED THESE STUDIES UNTIL RECENTLY.

WHY HAVE WE BELIEVED SIMILAR NONSENSE? WHY HAVE WE NOT RISEN UP AS WELL? A NEGRO CANNOT HIDE THE FACT HE IS BLACK. HE PERSONALLY MUST FACE THE DISCRIMINATION AND ABUSE HEAPED UPON HIS RACE. BUT THE HOMOSEXUAL CAN EASILY HIDE THE FACT THAT HE IS HOMOSEXUAL; HE SIMPLY DOES NOT TELL ANYONE HE IS GAY. IF EVERY HOMOSEXUAL IN THE WORLD Woke UP ONE MORNING TO FIND HIS RIGHT HAND HAD TURNED GREEN, THEN WE MIGHT GET SOME ACTION. AS IT IS, THE AVERAGE HOMOSEXUAL AVOIDS THE ABUSE IN A COWARDLY WAY -- ALLOWING ALL THE SHIT TO BE DUMPED ON THOSE UNFORTUNATE EFFEMINATE HOMOSEXUALS WHO CANNOT HIDE.

BETTER LATENT THAN NEVER

 **WHAT DO WE GAYS WANT? **

A GAY WHO HAD BEEN OUT A FEW YEARS (AND THIS IS THE TYPICAL ATTITUDE) SAID, "HOMOSEXUALITY IS LEGAL. WHAT'S THE BIG FUSS ABOUT? WE ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE OUR OWN CLUBS. WE ARE ALLOWED TO DO ANYTHING SEXUALLY SO LONG AS WE DO IT IN PRIVATE. NOBODY LOSES HIS JOB UNLESS HE IS A DAMNFOOL WHO BLAHS TO HIS FELLOW EMPLOYEES THAT HE IS GAY. I HAVE TOO MUCH TO LOSE TO MARCH DOWN GEORGIA STREET WAVING A PINK BANNER IN SOME SILLY PARADE."

TODAY WE LAUGH AT THE NEGRO SLAVE WHO ASKED, "WHY YOU MAD AT MASSA CHARLIE? HE FEEDS US GOOD." TOMORROW THE STATEMENT BY THAT GAY WILL SEEM JUST AS SHALLOW AND SHORT SIGHTED.

WHAT DO WE GAYS WANT THEN? FIRST OF ALL WE WANT AN END TO LAWS THAT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST US. EVEN THOUGH SEXUAL ACTS IN PRIVATE BETWEEN CONSENTING ADULTS WERE LEGALIZED IN AUGUST 1969, THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF ANTI-HOMO=SEXUAL LAWS ON THE BOOKS. NOTE THE 'IN PRIVATE'. THIS MEANS THAT IF I HOLD HANDS WITH BEN IN A PUBLIC PLACE I CAN BE ARRESTED FOR GROSS INDECENCY. NOTE THE 'ADULTS'. IF YOU OR YOUR PARTNER ARE NOT BOTH ADULTS (IN B.C. THIS MEANS 17 OR OVER, BUT IN OTHER PROVINCES SUCH AS ONTARIO THIS MEANS 21 OR OVER) YOU CAN BE CHARGED WITH GROSS INDECENCY OR INDECENT ASSAULT. TRUE THESE CHARGES ARE ALMOST NEVER LAID, BUT THE LAWS ARE STILL ON THE BOOKS. I FEEL THE AGE OF CONSENT FOR BOYS SHOULD BE 16 == THE SAME AS FOR GIRLS.

THERE IS A LAW THAT STATES YOU MAY NOT WORK FOR THE CROWN IF YOU ARE A HOMOSEXUAL. IF YOU ARE GAY YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE A MAILMAN, YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WORK IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, AND YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THERE ARE NO GAYS WORKING FOR HER MAJESTY. == A FULL 10% OF HER WORK FORCE IS HOMOSEXUAL, BUT THESE EMPLOYEES STAND TO LOSE THEIR JOBS IF THEY ARE FOUND OUT. AT ONE TIME HOMOSEXUALS WERE SECURITY RISKS BECAUSE THEY WERE SO SUSCEPTIBLE TO BLACKMAIL. BUT NOW BLACKMAIL IS ALL BUT NON-EXISTENT AND SO IT IS TIME THIS LAW WAS REMOVED FROM THE BOOKS.

THOUGH POLICEMEN VERY RARELY DIRECTLY HASSLE US, THEY ARE NOT EXACTLY EAGER TO HELP US OUT SHOULD WE GET OURSELVES IN TROUBLE. ONE OF VANCOUVER'S MOST PUBLIC GAYS WAS ATTACKED IN THE WHITE LUNCH CAFE/TERIA. HE WENT TO THE POLICE STATION TO LAY ASSAULT CHARGES. HE TOLD THEM THE ASSAILANT'S NAME AND WHERE HE COULD BE APPREHENDED. THE POLICE ASKED HIM FOR THE ASSAILANT'S ADDRESS. HE TOLD THEM THAT HE HAD NO FIXED ADDRESS. THE POLICE THEN INFORMED HIM THAT NO CHARGE COULD BE LAID WITHOUT AN ADDRESS.

WHEN FRANK HOWES STOLE MY TYPEWRITER, I TOLD THE POLICE HE SHOULD BE HEADED FOR THE AMERICAN BORDER. THEY REFUSED TO ASK THE BORDER AUTHORITIES TO APPREHEND HIM.

 **WHAT CAN WE DO FOR GAY LIBERATION? **

SUCH EXAMPLES SHOW THE PUBLIC ATTITUDE THAT GAYS ARE SECOND CLASS CITIZENS. IT IS VERY HARD TO FIGHT A PUBLIC ATTITUDE, BUT WE CAN FIGHT THOSE INSTITUTIONS THAT SHAPE THE PUBLIC ATTITUDE.

FIRST OF ALL WE SHOULD PUSH THE CHURCH TO REMOVE THE STIGMA OF HOMO=SEXUALITY BY PERFORMING MARRIAGES FOR TWO MEN OR TWO WOMEN. WE SHOULD FORCE THE GOVERNMENT TO PERFORM CIVIL MARRIAGES FOR GAYS GIVING US THE SAME INCOME TAX AND INHERITANCE RIGHTS THAT STRAIGHT COUPLES HAVE. WE SHOULD WRITE ANGRY LETTERS EVERY TIME A MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER WRITES AN ARTICLE THAT DEPICTS US AS FLIGHTY CREATURES RESPLENDENT IN BELL BOTTOMS. WE SHOULD PRESSURE THE SCHOOLS TO REMOVE THE ANTI-GAY PROPAGANDA FILMS FROM THE CURRICULUM, AND IN ITS PLACE TEACH TRUE SEX EDUCATION DEALING HONESTLY WITH THE NATURE OF OUR LOVE, ITS BEAUTY, ITS VARIATIONS, AND ITS DESECRATIONS. WE MUST FORCE THE SCHOOLS TO RECOGNIZE THE GAY HERITAGE. THEY MUST TELL THE STUDENTS THAT SOCRATES, MICHELANGELO AND LEONARDO DA VINCI WERE GAY. THEY MUST TELL THEM THAT WILDE, AUDEN, CARPENTER, FORRESTER, GIDE, PROUST, SHAKESPEARE, TENNYSON, BALDWIN, AND COCTEAU HAVE WRITTEN LITERATURE WITH GAY THEMES. WE MUST BOYCOTT ANY BUSINESS THAT IS KNOWN TO FIRE EMPLOYEES IF THEY ARE FOUND TO BE GAY.

WE MUST SUPPORT THE GROWING NUMBER OF PSYCHIATRISTS WHO NOW REALIZE THAT GAYS ARE NOT SICK, AGAINST THOSE OLD-LINE PSYCHIATRISTS WHO SUPPORT A SOCIAL NORM WHERE A HERO IS A MAN WHO KILLS OTHER MEN IN WAR, AND A PERVERT IS A MAN WHO LOVES ANOTHER MAN. FOR TOO LONG WE HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO MENTAL HOSPITALS AND PRISONS TO BE EXPERIMENTED ON WITH SEX=DRIVE REDUCING DRUGS. TOO LONG HAVE WE BEEN DRIVEN TO SUICIDE AND SADDLED WITH GUILT OBSESSIONS.

PEOPLE ONLY HATE AND FEAR WHAT THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND. THREE YEARS AGO I WENT TO A MOVIE IN THE OLD AUDITORIUM AT UBC. TWO LESBIANS SAT IN THE SEAT IN FRONT OF ME. PART WAY THROUGH THE SHOW THEY PUT THEIR ARMS AROUND EACH OTHER AND KISSED. I GOT SO UPSET I HAD TO RUN TO THE WASHROOM WHERE I THREW UP. BUT SINCE THAT TIME I HAVE COME TO KNOW MANY LESBIANS AND TO UNDERSTAND THEIR FEELINGS TOO, AND NOW THE SIGHT OF TWO GIRLS KISSING HAS JUST THE OPPOSITE EFFECT.

MOST OF GAY OPPRESSION IS BASED ON A LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH HOMOSEXUALITY. THUS THE FINAL STEP IN GAY LIBERATION IS EDUCATION. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ADMIT TO THE WORLD AT LARGE THAT YOU ARE A HOMOSEXUAL IN ORDER TO HELP IN THE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. I HAVE PREPARED A LIST OF WAYS YOU CAN HELP. WRITE ME FOR IT!

BUT PERSONAL CONTACT CAN AND DOES EDUCATE. USE IT! EVERYONE HAS AT LEAST ONE LONG-TIME FRIEND HE CAN TELL. THE WORDS ARE, "I AM HOMOSEXUAL." HE WON'T SUDDENLY THINK YOU A MONSTER -- HE KNOWS YOU TOO WELL -- YOU, THE GUY WHO HAS MUSCLE AND WEARS PANTS LIKE HIMSELF. HE WILL BE FORCED TO RE-EXAMINE HIS STEREOTYPE IMAGE OF THE HOMOSEXUAL. IF YOU ARE MORE MILITANT THEN YOU CAN TELL PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT YOUR CLOSE FRIENDS. YOU CAN BRING UP THE SUBJECT WHEN SOMEONE ASKS IF YOU ARE MARRIED. ANSWER, "NO I DON'T THINK I WILL EVER MARRY A GIRL." THEY WILL ALWAYS ASK YOU WHY AND THEN YOU CAN EXPLAIN. IF YOU BRING UP THE SUBJECT, YOU HAVE THE JUMP ON THEM IN THE CONVERSATION.

USE THE MEDIA TO EDUCATE. WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR LOCAL UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER EXPRESSING YOUR NEW CONFIDENCE IN YOUR HOMOSEXUALITY. PHONE UP A HOT LINE RADIO SHOW, "I AM GAY AND NONE THE LESS A MAN FOR IT." WRITE ARTICLES AND POEMS (TENDER AND OTHERWISE) AND SEND THEM TO ALL THE NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES IN CANADA. PHONE UP RADIO AND T.V. STATIONS TO OFFER YOURSELF FOR A PROGRAM ON THE NEW HOMOSEXUAL WHO NO LONGER HAS TO BE ASHAMED.

USE YOUR TALENTS BE THEY CONVERSATIONAL, LITERARY, HUMOROUS, ATHLETIC, OR COMMERCIAL TO HELP EDUCATE. SMASH THE OLD CONCEPTIONS AND POUND HOME THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

1. THE VAST MAJORITY OF HOMOSEXUALS NEVER WEAR DRESSES OR MAKE-UP. TRANSVESTITES (WHO ARE USUALLY HETEROSEXUAL) DO HOWEVER.
2. THE VAST MAJORITY OF HOMOSEXUALS ARE NOT ASHAMED OF THEMSELVES AND HAVE NO DESIRES TO BECOME EXCLUSIVELY HETEROSEXUAL. THEY DO NOT WANT TO BE LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE.
3. THE VAST MAJORITY OF HOMOSEXUALS HAVE STRONG SEXUAL (NOT JUST FRIENDLY) FEELINGS FOR OTHER MALES. HOMOSEXUALITY IS NOT A CHIC AFFECTATION. WE DID NOT CHOOSE TO BE HOMOSEXUAL; WE ARE NOT THAT WAY OUT OF A PERVERSE DESIRE TO BE DIFFERENT. SAYING THAT YOU CANNOT FEEL THIS PASSION YOURSELF DOES NOT MEAN IT CANNOT EXIST FOR ANYONE ELSE. IF YOU ARE A HETEROSEXUAL MALE THEN YOU CAN NO MORE FATHOM THE EMOTIONS OF A HOMOSEXUAL MALE THAN YOU CAN THOSE OF A HETEROSEXUAL FEMALE.
4. THE VAST MAJORITY OF HOMOSEXUALS DO NOT HATE WOMEN. MOST GAYS HAVE HETEROSEXUAL EXPERIENCES AS WELL AS HOMOSEXUAL ONES. ABOUT 70% OF GAYS OVER 30 ARE MARRIED TO WOMEN AND MUST HAVE CHILDREN.
5. THE VAST MAJORITY OF HOMOSEXUALS ARE NOT HAIR DRESSERS OR BALLET DANCERS. 10% OF THE MEN IN ANY PROFESSION -- FROM CABINET MINISTER TO GARBAGE COLLECTOR -- ARE GAY.
6. THE VAST MAJORITY OF HOMOSEXUALS DO NOT MEET EACH OTHER IN WASHROOMS OR IN THE BACK ROOM OF MOVIE THEATRES. THE TINY PROPORTION OF DEGENERATE SCUM CALLED TEA ROOM QUEENS DO HOWEVER.
7. THE VAST MAJORITY OF HOMOSEXUALS HAVE NO SEXUAL INTEREST IN CHILDREN. NO ONE FEARS THE AVERAGE HETEROSEXUAL MALE WILL MOLEST FEMALE CHILDREN, SO WHY SHOULD ANYONE FEAR THAT THE AVERAGE HOMOSEXUAL MALE WILL MOLEST MALE CHILDREN? THE MEN WHO DO MOLEST BOY CHILDREN ARE USUALLY HETEROSEXUAL.
8. THE VAST MAJORITY OF HOMOSEXUALS ARE NOT WILDLY PROMISCUOUS, DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN URGIES, AND RARELY HAVE SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH ANIMALS. SOME SETTLE WITH ANOTHER MAN IN MARRIAGES THAN CAN LAST 20 YEARS OR MORE.
9. THE VAST MAJORITY OF HOMOSEXUALS ARE NOT BLACKMAILED OR THREATENED WITH EXPOSURE; NEITHER DO POLICE HARASS THEM IN CANADA. (THE USA IS QUITE ANOTHER STORY.)
10. THE VAST MAJORITY OF HOMOSEXUALS ARE NOT EFFEMINATE AND ARE QUITE CAPABLE OF SPEAKING WITHOUT A LISP AND OF HOLDING THEIR WRISTS QUITE RIGID. EXCEPT FOR A SMALL 4% MINORITY OF GAYS, THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN TELL WHETHER OR NOT A MAN IS GAY JUST BY LOOKING AT HIM OR BY LISTENING TO HIS VOICE.

BUT MOST OF ALL EDUCATE THEM BY REFUSING TO HIDE YOUR SELF RESPECT. WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS -- THE SAME AS EVERYBODY ELSE IN ALL RESPECTS SAVE ONE -- WE PREFER SEX WITH OTHER MEN -- SO SAY IT!

GAY LIBERATION

GAY LIBERATION WAS BORN ON JUNE 28, 1969 WHEN NEW YORK POLICE STARTED TO RAID A GAY BAR IN THE WEST VILLAGE, THE STONEWALL INN. THE POLICE IN NEW YORK ARE FOREVER RAIDING GAY BARS ESPECIALLY AROUND ELECTION TIME, WHEN THEY MOVE IN ON WEST 42ND STREET. AND IN THE PAST, WHAT YOU DID WAS, YOU TOOK THE COPS' ABUSE, AND SOMETIMES YOU WENT OFF WITH ONLY A FEW FAMILIAR EPITHETS OR A HIT ON THE HEAD. AND SOMETIMES YOU WERE TAKEN TO THE STATION ON ONE CHARGE OR ANOTHER AND USUALLY RELEASED THE NEXT MORNING.

BUT THAT WAS NOT WHAT HAPPENED ON JUNE 28, 1969. A GAY WHO WAS THERE SAID, "IT WAS FANTASTIC. THE CROWD WAS A FAIRLY TYPICAL WEEKEND CROWD, YOUR USUAL QUEENS AND KIDS FROM THE STICKS, AND THE PEOPLE THAT ARE ALWAYS AROUND THE BARS, MOSTLY YOUNG. BUT THIS TIME INSTEAD OF SUBMITTING TO THE COPS' ABUSE, THE SISSIES FOUGHT BACK. THEY STARTED PULLING UP PARKING METERS AND THROWING ROCKS AND COINS AT THE COPS, AND THE COPS HAD TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE BAR AND CALL FOR REINFORCEMENTS.... IT WAS BEAUTIFUL."

THAT WAS THE BEGINNING, AND ON THE ANNIVERSARY LAST SUMMER BETWEEN 5,000 AND 15,000 GAY PEOPLE OF BOTH SEXES MARCHED UP SIXTH AVENUE FROM SHERIDAN SQUARE TO THE SHEEP MEADOW IN CENTRAL PARK FOR A 'GAY-IN'. OTHER SMALLER PARADES TOOK PLACE IN CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES, AND ALL THREE CITIES SURVIVED THE SIGHT AND SOUND OF MEN WITH THEIR ARMS AROUND MEN, AND WOMEN KISSING WOMEN, CHANTING, "SHOUT IT LOUD, GAY IS PROUD," "3-5-7-9, LESBIANS ARE MIGHTY FINE," CARRYING SIGNS THAT SAID, "WE ARE THE PEOPLE OUR PARENTS WARNED US AGAINST," SINGING "WE SHALL OVERCOME."

SOON CHAPTERS OF THE GAY LIBERATION FRONT AND THE GAY ACTIVIST ALLIANCE SPUNG UP IN ALMOST EVERY AMERICAN CITY. JOHN FRANCIS HUNTER, ONE OF THE ALLIANCE'S FOUNDERS, SAID, "G.A.A. IS A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. EVERYTHING IS DONE WITH AN EYE TOWARD POLITICAL EFFECT.... G.A.A. ADOPTED THIS POLICY BECAUSE ALL OPPRESSION OF HOMOSEXUALS CAN ONLY BE ENDED BY MEANS OF A POWERFUL POLITICAL BLOCK." SMALL WONDER THAT THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, WHICH FOR 20 YEARS HAD BEEN TRYING TO EDUCATE STRAIGHT PEOPLE TO ACCEPT HOMOSEXUALS, IS NOW DISMISSED BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE G.A.A. AND THE GAY LIBERATION FRONT AS THE "N.A.A.C.P. OF OUR MOVEMENT."

IN CANADA GAY LIBERATION HAS NOT YET REALLY CAUGHT ON. IN THE UNITED STATES THERE IS OUTRIGHT REPRESSION -- ENFORCED ANTI-GAY LAWS, ENTRAPMENT, AND RAIDS ON THE CLUBS AND BARS, BUT HERE IN CANADA, WE ARE LEFT PRETTY MUCH ALONE. IT IS MUCH EASIER TO STIR UP RESISTANCE TO OUTRIGHT REPRESSION THAT IT IS TO CALLOUS INDIFFERENCE!

THERE IS A WIDE RANGE OF OPINION ON WHAT SHOULD BE DONE FOR GAY LIBERATION IN CANADA. THE MOST MODERATE GROUPS ARE THE HOMOPHILE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE ONE AT YORK UNIVERSITY. THEY DO THINGS SUCH AS ORGANIZE GAY DANCES TO LET THE STRAIGHTS SEE SOME REAL LIVE GAYS. THEY ARRANGE FOR SPEAKERS TO COME TO CAMPUS SO THAT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WILL BE EXPOSED TO SOME FACTUAL INFORMATION ABOUT GAYS. THEY BELIEVE IN THE INHERENT RATIONALITY OF THE HUMAN ANIMAL, THAT THAT ALL WE NEED TO DO IS EDUCATE PEOPLE AND THEN THEY WILL HAVE TO DROP THEIR PREJUDICES.

MORE MILITANT GROUPS SUCH AS THE GAY ACTIVIST ALLIANCE IN VANCOUVER WANT TO USE POLITICAL PRESSURE TO ENSURE OUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES. THE FEEL BOYCOTTS, PICKETING ETC. WILL BE NECESSARY.

REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS SUCH AS THE RED BUTTERFLY IN VANCOUVER BELIEVE THAT OUR SOCIETY IS SO CORRUPT THAT FIRST WE MUST SMASH THE CAPITALIST ESTABLISHMENT AND THEN BUILD A NEW SOCIALIST STATE THAT IS TOLERANT OF GAYS.

THERE IS A WIDE RANGE OF OPINION ABOUT HOW TO ORGANIZE GROUPS TO FIGHT FOR GAY LIBERATION. THE GAY LIBERATION FRONT IN VANCOUVER BELIEVES THERE SHOULD BE NO EXECUTIVE AND NO ONE SHOULD BE EMPOWERED TO SPEAK ON THE BEHALF OF THE WHOLE GROUP. THE GAY ACTIVIST ALLIANCE WANTS TO WORK WITH AN ELECTED EXECUTIVE WITH MANY SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEES EACH WITH A CHAIRMAN. THE WAY I RUN MY OWN PROJECT IS WITH A KIND OF BENEVOLENT DESPOTISM. PEOPLE WHO WANT TO HELP OUT ON THE BLURB ARE WELCOME TO DO SO, BUT I RESERVE THE FINAL SAY IN ANY DECISION. O.O. THE WRITER OF PAGE 69 IN THE GEORGIA STRAIGHT WORKS TOTALLY ON HIS OWN.

ALL THESE DIFFERENT GROUPS ARE WORKING TOWARD THE SAME FINAL GOAL, BUT THEY ALL HAVE DIFFERENT IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO GET THERE. AT THE MOMENT THE VARIOUS GROUPS IN VANCOUVER SPEND MORE TIME FIGHTING WITH EACH OTHER THAN THEY DO FIGHTING PUBLIC IGNORANCE. IF WE COULD ARRANGE A MASS MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS GROUPS -- THE CIRCLE, MYSELF, O.O., THE CLUB OWNERS, THE GAY ACTIVIST ALLIANCE, THE GAY LIBERATION FRONT, AND THE RED BUTTERFLY, WE COULD TALK TO EACH OTHER DIRECTLY. AS IT IS WE RECEIVE DISTORTED IDEAS OF WHAT THE OTHER GROUPS ARE DOING THROUGH OUTRAGEOUS RUMOURS.

GAY LIBERATION IS NOT NEW TO VANCOUVER. IN PREVIOUS YEARS GROUPS SUCH AS THE ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL KNOWLEDGE AND THE GAY ACTION COMMITTEE BURST FORTH WITH HIGH HOPES ONLY TO FOLD AFTER PEOPLE FOUND OUT THAT IF YOU WANT TO BE LIBERATED YOU HAVE TO DO THE BULL WORK LIKE ADDRESSING ENVELOPES, AND THAT SOME OF YOU MUST NOT BE AFRAID TO MAKE YOURSELVES PUBLICLY KNOWN AS HOMOSEXUAL. HOW CAN YOU EXPECT THE STRAIGHT WORLD TO RESPECT YOU IF YOU HAVE NOT GOT THE SELF RESPECT TO SIGN YOUR LETTERS TO THE NEWSPAPERS WITH YOUR REAL NAME?

FEAR

PARALYSING FEAR IS THE ONLY THING THAT IS HOLDING YOU BACK. YOU ARE AFRAID THAT IF YOU COME TO MY APARTMENT, OR IF YOU GO TO A CLUB, THAT YOU WILL MEET SOMEONE YOU KNOW. YOU ARE AFRAID HE WILL TELL YOUR BOSS AND YOU WILL LOSE YOUR JOB. YOU ARE AFRAID HE WILL TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AND THAT THEY WILL ALL DISOWN YOU. THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN. THERE IS AN UNWRITTEN RULE AMONGST GAYS THAT YOU DO NOT TELL STRAIGHT PEOPLE THE NAMES OF YOUR GAY ACQUAINTANCES. IF SOMEONE WERE TO DO THIS TO YOU, YOU COULD DO EXACTLY THE SAME THING BACK TO HIM.

YOU ARE AFRAID OF BLACKMAILERS WHO ARE COMPLETE STRANGERS. OK, GIVE ME FAKE NAME, CARRY NO I.D., AND NEVER TAKE ANYONE TO YOUR HOUSE SO THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO EVEN FIND OUT WHO YOU ARE. AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN OUT A FEW MONTHS YOU WILL LOSE THIS GROUNDLESS FEAR.

YOU ARE AFRAID THAT YOU WILL BE GANG RAPED, POUNCED ON BY SLITHERY OLD MEN WITH TERTIARY SYPHILIS OR AT LEAST COERCED INTO SEXUAL ACTS WITH PEOPLE YOU FIND UNATTRACTIVE. BUT BY NOW YOU MUST FEEL SILLY ABOUT THESE OLD-MAIDISH IMAGININGS.

BUT YOUR REAL FEAR IS THAT NAMELESS APPREHENSION OF THE UNKNOWN -- THAT SAME FEAR YOU HAVE TO CONQUER THE FIRST DAY OF A NEW JOB. IF YOU GIVE INTO THIS FEAR, YOU WILL BE NO BETTER OFF AFTER READING THIS BOOKLET THAN YOU WERE BEFORE. UP TO NOW YOU HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF REPRESSION. YOU DID NOT KNOW HOW TO MEET GAY GUYS. NOW YOU DO. YOU CAN NO LONGER BLAME SOCIETY; YOU HAVE ONLY YOUR OWN INERTIA TO BLAME FOR YOUR CONTINUED MISERY. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR VIRGINITY!

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO COME OUT?

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO COME OUT? I CANNOT DESCRIBE HOW BIG A DIFFERENCE IT MAKES AFTER YOU HAVE COME OUT. YOU HAVE AN EXHILARATING SENSE OF FREEDOM: ONCE I USED TO THINK OF HOMOSEXUALITY AS A CURSE; NOW I CONSIDER IT MY GREATEST BLESSING. I HAVE A FREEDOM A STRAIGHT WILL NEVER KNOW. I CAN GO INTO ANY STRANGE CITY IN THE WORLD AND WITHIN ONE DAY HAVE MADE 10 NEW FRIENDS. I CAN GET ALL THE SEX I WANT WHENEVER I WANT IT. I HAVE MET A CROSS-SECTION OF SOCIETY THAT NO STRAIGHT EVER COULD. I HAVE TALKED TO A LOGGER, A NURSE, A HEART SURGEON, A TOWN PLANNER, A COMPOSER, A BUSINESSMAN, A CLERK, A JAIL GUARD, A MONK, A GAY BAR OWNER, A PROFESSIONAL DANCER, A STUDENT, A FOOD SCIENTIST, AN IMPRESSARIO, A PSYCHOLOGIST, AND EVEN A HAIRDRESSER. BECAUSE EACH OF THESE PEOPLE WAS GAY, HE IMMEDIATELY HAD SOMETHING IN COMMON WITH ME. HE WOULD TAKE THE TIME TO EXPLAIN HIS LINE OF WORK. COULD YOU IMAGINE WHAT KIND OF RECEPTION A BUSINESSMAN WOULD GET IF HE WALKED UP TO AN UNKNOWN STRAIGHT LOGGER SITTING AT A BAR AND SAID, "PLEASE TELL ME ABOUT YOUR WORK.?"

EVER SINCE I CAME OUT I HAVE HAD ENOUGH ADVENTURES TO FILL A VERY FAT BOOK. BUT THEN EVERY DAY IS AN ADVENTURE ONCE YOU COME OUT -- NO SHIT!

COME OUT

HISTORY OF THE PROJECT

PERHAPS YOU ARE WONDERING WHAT EVER POSSESSED ME TO START ON THIS HUGE PROJECT. IN JULY, 1969, I WAS A REASONABLY MISERABLE UN-COME-OUT GAY. FROM AGE 15 ON I KNEW I WAS A HOMOSEXUAL, BUT TRY AS I MIGHT, EVERY PERSON I MET TURNED OUT TO BE HETEROSEXUAL. ONE DAY A STRAIGHT (OPPOSITE OF GAY -- NOT THE OPPOSITE OF HIP) FRIEND OF MINE INTRODUCED ME TO A GAY FRIEND OF HIS. HIS FRIEND IN TURN SPENT MANY HOURS TELLING ME WHAT THE GAY WORLD WAS LIKE AND THEN HE TOOK ME TO A GAY CLUB. EVER SINCE THAT DAY -- AUGUST 8, 1969 -- I HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE ALIVE.

IN SEPTEMBER 1969 I NOTICED ALL THE GAY ADS IN THE GEORGIA STRAIGHT. I WROTE EACH PERSON A HAND-TYPED LETTER TELLING OF MY EXPERIENCES. THERE WAS CERTAINLY NO NEED TO PLACE GAY ADS WHEN THERE WERE GAY CLUBS! EACH LETTER TOOK ME SEVERAL HOURS, BUT I FELT THAT IT WAS TIME WELL INVESTED -- AFTER ALL MY WHOLE LIFE HAD BEEN MIRACULOUSLY TRANSFORMED BY THIS SMALL BIT OF INFORMATION.

I SUPPOSE YOU WERE EXPECTING ME NOW TO SHOUT "HALLELUJAH BROTHERS AND PRAISE THE LORD."

ONE WEEK THERE WERE ABOUT 10 GAY ADS. I DID NOT HAVE TIME TO WRITE EACH ONE A 7 PAGE LETTER, SO I WROTE ONE LONG LETTER AND MADE CORONASTAT COPIES OF IT. I THEN HIT UPON THE IDEA OF PUTTING IN MY OWN AD FOR PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE TOO FRIGHTENED TO PLACE THEIR OWN. TO MY SURPRISE I RECEIVED MOUNTAINS OF LETTERS IN RESPONSE. I REWROTE MY LETTER. I PUT IN MORE ADS. I GOT EVEN MORE RESPONSE. AFTER A WHILE I WAS GOING BROKE AT ABOUT \$1.10 A LETTER SENT OUT SO I DISCOVERED OFFSET PRINTING. LATER ON I DISCOVERED HOW TO USE IBM CARDS TO MAKE CHANGING THE BLURB SIMPLER. PEOPLE STARTED TO HELP OUT AND I STARTED WEEKEND PARTIES TO HELP NEW PEOPLE COME OUT AND TO HELP PEOPLE NEW TO TOWN TO GET ACQUAINTED.

THE PROJECT GREW SO FAST THAT I FOUND I COULD NO LONGER AFFORD THE TIME OR MONEY TO DO ALL THE WORK COMPLETELY ON MY OWN. LEGIONS OF HELPERS HELPED ORGANIZE A DANCE AND SENT OUT HUNDREDS OF FORM LETTERS TO RAISE THE MONEY TO PRINT THIS ELEVENTH REVISION OF THE BLURB. OTHER PEOPLE WROTE ME LETTERS SUGGESTING ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TENTH REVISION. OTHER PEOPLE HELPED WITH THE KEYPUNCHING (TYPING). OTHERS STILL HELPED BY COLLATING AND FOLDING THE SHEETS INTO BOOKLETS. I DON'T THINK YOU COULD POSSIBLY APPRECIATE HOW MUCH WORK SO MANY PEOPLE PUT INTO PRODUCING THIS BOOKLET.

BECAUSE WE FOUND NOT EVERYONE COULD FIT INTO THE CLUB SCENE WE ORGANIZED THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS. BUT RECENTLY THE PROJECT IS TAKING A DIFFERENT TURN. ORIGINALLY THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THE BOOKLET WAS TO HELP UN-COME-OUT GAYS, BUT WE FOUND IT WAS VERY HELPFUL IN EDUCATING STRAIGHT PEOPLE. WE ARE SHIFTING OUR EMPHASIS TO EDUCATING THE STRAIGHT WORLD -- WHICH AS A BY-PRODUCT HELPS THE UN-COME-OUT GAY. LATELY WE HAVE DONE A FAIR BIT OF RADIO AND T.V. WORK -- MAINLY JUST LETTING THE STRAIGHTS GET A GOOD LOOK AT AN HONEST TO GOSH GAY SO THAT THEY CAN SEE WE DON'T HAVE TWO HEADS. WE WROTE AN ESSAY FOR THE MAGAZINE "THURSDAY'S CHILD" DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR STRAIGHT PEOPLE. THE LOCAL ESTABLISHMENT PAPERS ARE EVEN BEGINNING TO PRINT EXCERPTS FROM OUR LETTERS. WE HAVE ALL KINDS OF PLANS -- ENOUGH TO KEEP US BUSY FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS.

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EDITIONS ONE THROUGH TEN OF THE BLURB WERE COMPLETELY FREE. I FINANCED IT COMPLETELY OUT OF MY OWN POCKET. I GOT NO KICK-BACK FROM ANY OF THE CLUBS, AND I HAD TO PAY ADMISSION JUST LIKE ANYBODY ELSE. I COULD AFFORD THIS PECULIAR HOBBY OF MINE BECAUSE I HAD A GOOD SUMMER JOB AS A COMPUTER PROGRAMMER AND BECAUSE I PICKED UP A BIT OF EXTRA MONEY TEACHING A COUPLE OF COMPUTER SCIENCE TUTORIALS AT UBC. SOME PEOPLE BLOW THEIR MONEY ON STEREO'S OR CARS; I SPENT MINE ON MY PROJECT.

BUT WHEN I DISCOVERED THAT THE PRINTING BILL FOR THE ELEVENTH EDITION WOULD BE ABOUT \$405.00, I FOUND I JUST DID NOT HAVE THE MONEY. WE ASKED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EVERYONE WHO HAD BEEN GIVEN A PREVIOUS EDITION OF THE BOOKLET AND THEY CAME THROUGH WITH MORE THAN ENOUGH MONEY. BUT WE DECIDED THAT IF WE WERE TO PUT A PAR VALUE OF \$1.00 ON THE BOOKLET, WE COULD MAKE THE PROJECT SELF-SUPPORTING.

HERE IS HOW THE COSTS OF A SINGLE BLURB BREAK DOWN:

STAMP	.10
STATIONERY	.03
COPYING (COVERING LETTER)	.05
COMPUTER (LAYOUT)	.04
PRINTING	.14

TOTAL	.36

THERE ARE OTHER COSTS INVOLVED WITH THE PROJECT F.O. POST OFFICE BOX RENTAL, TWO PHONE LINES, ADVERTISING AND ESPECIALLY ENTERTAINING. BUT THOSE COSTS CANNOT BE BROKEN DOWN ON A COST PER BLURB BASIS.

I DO SEVERAL THINGS TO ECONOMIZE -- THE MOST OBVIOUS EXAMPLE IS THE MICROSCOPIC TYPE USED TO PRINT THE BLURB. BUT THIS WAY MY PRINTING COSTS ARE CUT IN QUARTER AND MY MAILING COSTS ARE REDUCED. CHEAP CORONASTAT COPIES ARE USED FOR THE LETTER INSTEAD OF CRISP XEROX ONES. EVERYTHING IS BOUGHT IN BULK. THIS PRINTING WILL BE A RUN OF 3000 COPIES.

YOU MAY FEEL THAT THE PAR VALUE OF \$1.00 IS EXCESSIVE -- I MUST BE MAKING A MINT. BUT REMEMBER THAT MOST OF THE 3000 BOOKLETS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY AND THOSE FEW WE DO SELL WILL ONLY PARTLY FINANCE THE TWELFTH REVISION.

IF YOU THINK THIS PROJECT IS WORTHWHILE, PERHAPS YOU WOULD HELP OUT BY SENDING ALONG A DOLLAR OR TWO TO:

ROEDY GREEN

BOX 8969

STATION "H"

VANCOUVER 5, B.C.

PLEASE DON'T WRITE TO MY HOME ADDRESS AS I MAY HAVE MOVED.

GLOSSARY

THIS SECTION WILL DEFINE A NUMBER OF SLANG TERMS YOU MAY HEAR AND WILL PERHAPS CLARIFY THE WAY I USE SOME FAMILIAR WORDS.

BESTIALITY : SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH ANIMALS OTHER THAN HUMANS
BISEXUAL : A MAN WHO ENJOYS SEX WITH EITHER GENDER PRETTY WELL EQUALLY
BLOWING : COCK SUCKING
BRING OUT : 1. TO INTRODUCE A NEW PERSON TO 10 OR MORE GAYS. 2. TO HAVE SEX WITH A HOMOSEXUAL VIRGIN.
BUGGERY : LEGAL TERM FOR INTERCOURSE PER ANUM, BUT IT IS USED INCORRECTLY TO REFER TO ANY 'UNNATURAL' ACT
BULL DYKE : DEROGATORY TERM FOR A TRUCK-DRIVER TYPE LESBIAN
BUTCH : MASCULINE IN APPEARANCE AND BEHAVIOUR. IT IS USED FOR GIRLS AND GUYS.
CAMPING : 1. ACTING LIKE A STEROTYPE GAY 2. WITTY WORD BATTLING 3. GOING OUT IN THE WOODS OVERNIGHT
CHICKEN QUEEN : A PERSON WHO LIKES BOYS IN THE 14-20 AGE RANGE.
CLAP : GONORRHEA
CLOSET QUEEN : A GAY WHO REFUSES TO ACCEPT HIS HOMOSEXUALITY AND COME OUT
COME OUT : 1. TO MEET YOUR FIRST 10 GAY PEOPLE 2. TO HAVE SEX WITH A PERSON OF THE SAME SEX FOR THE FIRST TIME.
CRABS : BODY LICE
CROSSDRESSER : TRANSVESTITE WHO DRESSES FOR SEXUAL REASONS.
CRUISING : 1. SEARCHING FOR A ONE TIME SEX PARTNER 2. TRAVELLING IN A BOAT AS IN "CRUISING THE STRAIGHTS AND NARROWS."
CUNNILINGUS : VAGINA SUCKING
DISCIPLINE : SADISM
DOMINANT : 1. DOMINANT 2. SADISTIC
DRAG QUEEN : A HOMOSEXUAL MALE TRANSVESTITE. THE TERM IS DEROGATORY, BUT NO POLITE ONE EXISTS AS YET.
DRAG SHOW : A SHOW WHERE MALE PERFORMERS DRESS AS WOMEN DOING SKITS AND MIMING SONGS.
DYKE : DEROGATORY TERM FOR LESBIAN
FAGGOT : A PEJORATIVE TERM FOR GAY USED BY GAYS TO REFER TO A VERY WEAK WILLED PERSON WHO LETS HIMSELF BE WALKED ON.
FAIRY : 1. A MINCING MALE HOMOSEXUAL 2. PEJORATIVE TERM FOR MALE GAYS
FELLATIO : COCK SUCKING
FRENCH CULTURE : FELLATIO
FINGER FUCKING : MASSAGING THE PROSTATE GLAND
GEAR BOX : DEROGATORY TERM FOR GAYS USED BY AUTO FACTORY WORKERS, SOMETIMES SHORTENED TO GEAR
GENDER IMPERSONATOR : TRANSVESTITE WHO DRESSES FOR DISGUISE TO DECEIVE IN ORDER TO PURSUE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, ESPIONAGE, DECOY ETC.
GENDER MIMIC : TRANSVESTITE WHO DRESSES FOR PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINMENT.
GO DOWN ON : PERFORM FELLATIO ON
GOLDEN SHOWER QUEEN : A LOVER OF URINE (THESE ARE RARE)
GREEK CULTURE : ANAL SCREWING
HETEROSEXUAL : A MAN WHO THOUGH HE MAY HAVE SEX WITH MEN AS WELL, PREFERS HAVING SEX WITH WOMEN. HE MAY BE EFFEMINATE OR RUGGEDLY MASCULINE.
HOMOPHILE : AN INACCURATE EUPHEMISM FOR 'HOMOSEXUAL' USED BY GAY LIB MOVEMENTS.
HOMOSEXUAL : A MAN WHO THOUGH HE MAY HAVE SEX WITH WOMEN AS WELL, PREFERS HAVING SEX WITH OTHER MEN. HE RELATES TO OTHER MEN AS A MAN HIMSELF. HE HAS NO DESIRE TO ACT LIKE OR BECOME A WOMAN.
HUSTLER : A MALE PROSTITUTE
IRRUMATIO : PUTTING YOUR PENIS IN ANOTHER'S MOUTH
KY : A LUBRICANT COMMONLY USED -- USUALLY FOR SCREWING
LEATHER QUEEN : 1. A PERSON WITH A LEATHER FETISH (COMMON) 2. A SADO-MASOCHIST LOVER : EQUIVALENT OF HUSBAND OR WIFE FOR GAYS
MASTURBATION : PRODUCTION OF AN URGASM WHEN A PENIS IS NOT IN THE VAGINA, MOUTH, OR ANUS OF ANOTHER PERSON.
MARY : IF YOU WANT TO ANNOY A GUY JUST SAY "HEY MARY"

NELLY : EFFEMINATE AND CAMPY

POSTOPERATIVE TRANSSEXUAL : MALE OR FEMALE WHO HAS HAD THE COMPLETE COSMETIC SURGERY AND CAN OBTAIN AMENDED BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND IS CONSIDERED TO BE A LEGAL MEMBER OF WHICHEVER SEX HE HAS BECOME.

PREOPERATIVE TRANSSEXUAL : MALE OR FEMALE WHO HAS SOME OF THE SECONDARY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OPPOSITE PHYSICAL GENDER OBTAINED THROUGH HORMONE TREATMENTS BUT HAS NOT HAD COMPLETE TRANSSEXUAL SURGERY.

PROSTATE : 1. AN EROGENOUS GLAND ON THE VENTRAL SIDE OF THE RECTUM 2. A PERSON WHO CAN COME FROM ANAL STIMULATION ALONE

PSEUDOTRANSSEXUAL : MALE OR FEMALE WHO SEEKS TRANSSEXUAL SURGERY IN ORDER TO ESCAPE THE HARSHNESS OF ANTIHOMOSEXUAL ATTITUDES.

QUEEN : 1. A DEROGATORY TERM FOR A GAY GUY THAT IMPLIES FADING APPEARANCE, SELFISH VANITY, AND A BITCHY, GOSSIPY PERSONALITY 2. USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER WORDS EG. 'CHICKEN QUEEN' WHEN IT MEANS 'GAY WHO LIKES' 3. A FEMALE MONARCH

QUEER : A PEJORATIVE TERM FOR HOMOSEXUAL GUY.

RIMMING : RUNNING THE TONGUE OVER THE ANUS

SCREWING : 1. INTERCOURSE PER ANUM 2. INTERCOURSE WITH A GIRL

SIZE QUEEN : A GAY WHO INORDINATELY LIKES LARGE PENES

SODOMY : LEGAL TERM FOR BOTH BESTIALITY AND INTERCOURSE PER ANUM

SPEED QUEEN : A TYPE OF WASHING MACHINE

TOE QUEEN : A FOOT FETISHIST (THESE ARE RARE)

TRADE : MALE PROSTITUTES

TRANSSEXUAL : MALES OR FEMALES WHO RELATE TO THE OPPOSITE GENDER ON A MENTAL LEVEL AS BEING A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITE GENDER BUT HAVING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND SEXUAL ORGANS DIFFERENT FROM THEIR PSYCHOLOGICAL MAKEUP. MALES OR FEMALES MAY OBTAIN HORMONE TREATMENTS AND COSMETIC SURGERY TO CORRECT THE PHYSICAL CONDITION.

TRANVESTITE : MALE OR FEMALE WHO WEARS THE CLOTHING OF THE OPPOSITE GENDER AND ASSUMES SOME OF THE MANNERS, HABITS, AND VOICE OF THE OPPOSITE GENDER TO VARIOUS DEGREES. A TRANVESTITE IS NOT NECESSARILY HOMOSEXUAL. TRANVESTISM IN ITS TRUE FORM IS AN ASEXUAL MANIFESTATION.

TRICK : SOMEONE PICKED UP JUST FOR SEX

A TROLLUP : 1. A PROMISCUOUS MALE HOMOSEXUAL. CAN BE PEJORATIVE DEPENDING ON THE TONE OF VOICE. 2. AN AUTHOR OF ROMANTIC NOVELS

VIRGIN : 1. A MALE OR FEMALE WHO HAS NEVER HAD SEX WITH ANOTHER HUMAN 2. A MALE WHO HAS NEVER HAD SEX WITH ANOTHER MALE 3. A PERSON WHO HAS NEVER HAD SEX

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COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO HOMOSEXUALITY FROM A FREUDIAN POINT OF
 VIEW.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND CREATIVE GENIUS BY RUITENBAEK

IT IS A WONDERFUL FEELING TO BE LOVED BY RUTH WOLF

SEATTLE MAGAZINE NOVEMBER 1967

AN INTERVIEW -- COMPLETE WITH PICTURE OF PETER WICHERN -- A YOUNG
 SEATTLE HOMOSEXUAL WHO HAS GOT TO BE ONE OF THE BRAVEST PEOPLE I HAVE
 EVER HEARD ABOUT.

THE SAME SEX BY RALPH WELTGE

PHILADELPHIA, 1969

SEX OFFENDERS BY GEBHARD, POMEROY, GAGNON AND CHRISTENSEN OF THE KINSEY

INSTITUTE. HARPER AND ROW, NEW YORK, 1965

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MIDDLESEX ENGLAND 1964

CURSORY REVIEW OF SEX DEVIATIONS. NOT THAT MUCH INFORMATION BUT
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SEXUAL POLITICS BY KATE MILLETT

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BELIEFS OTHERS MIGHT FORCE ON YOU.

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ON HOMOSEXUALITY -- AND I AM AN ATHEIST.

WEEKEND MAGAZINE, SEPTEMBER 13, 1969

ARTICLE COMPLETE WITH PICTURES OF THREE QUEER HOMOSEXUALS. THEY ARE
A WOOLY-HEADED BUNCH, BUT ONE OF THEM, JOHN DICE, WILL GIVE YOU AN
AN IDEA OF HOW GOOD LOOKING SOME GAY GUYS CAN BE.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HOMOSEXUAL BY MERLE MILLER

AN ARTICLE IN THE JANUARY 17, 1971 EDITION OF THE NEW YORK TIMES
MAGAZINE. MILLER IS A VERY LITERATE MAN WHO TELLS WHAT IT IS LIKE
TO BE AN EFFEMINATE HOMOSEXUAL.

THE X REPORT (FROM SEXOLOGY MAGAZINE)

BELMONT BOOKS, NEW YORK, 1962, CHAPTERS 25-28

DEALS WITH THEORIES OF HOMOSEXUALITY, GENERAL COMMENTS AND HOMOSEXUAL
PRIMER. EXCELLENT SHORT ARTICLES EXTRACTED FROM SEXOLOGY MAGAZINE.

APPENDIX

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE LISTED ALL (THAT I HAVE BEEN TOLD ABOUT)
THE CRUISING PLACES, STEAM BATHS, GAY BARS, CLUBS AND INTERESTING ATTRACTIONS
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CALGARY ALBERTA

CRUISING PLACES

CENTRAL PARK < AUG 1970 > BETWEEN 12TH & 13TH AVENUES AND 2ND & 3RD
STREETS SW. IT IS GOOD FOR CRUISING ANY NIGHT DURING WARMER WEATHER
FROM 7:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. IN WINTER TRY THE CAR GAME (SEE VAN-
COUVER CRYSTAL POOL PARKING LOT). PEOPLE MAKE OUT QUITE FREELY THERE

BUT LATELY IT HAS BEEN PATROLLED BY THE POLICE (HOWEVER, INFREQUENTLY) LAST FALL THERE WAS A GAY STABBING THERE, SO IT IS NOT THE SAFEST PLACE THOUGH IT IS PROBABLY THE BEST PARTLY BECAUSE IT IS ONLY ONE BLOCK FROM THE OCTOBER '69 CLUB.

DOWNTOWN 8TH AVENUE MALL < AUG 1970 > IS GREAT FOR CRUISING IF YOU'RE FAST AND ON THE BALL. HIPPIE CONGREGATIONS ATTRACT OBSERVERS.

ELBOW PARK < MAR 1970 > 4TH STREET AND ELBOW DRIVE SW IN SUMMER MONTHS. GREYHOUND BUILDING < AUG 1970 > 7TH AT 1ST SW AND IN THE BENCHROOM IS THE PLACE TO PICK UP A HUSTLER.

MEMORIAL DRIVE < MAR 1970 > PARK AREA NEAR THE ZOO IN SUMMER MONTHS

PRINCE'S ISLAND < AUG 1970 > AT 4TH STREET IN THE BOW RIVER IS A BIG PARK WITH NEW GRASS, TALL TREES AND SECLUDED SPOTS ALONG THE RIVER BANK.

SANDY BEACH < AUG 1970 > 48TH AVENUE AND 13TH STREETS SW IS USED FOR SUNBATHING, BUT NOT IN THE NUDE. THERE ARE LOTS OF TREES TO GET LOST IN. THE BEST TIME IS IN THE AFTERNOON AS IT IS A LOVER'S LANE AT NIGHT. SMALL GROUPS OF GAYS AND QUEENS FREQUENT THE PLACE.

WHITE SPOT < AUG 1970 > 4TH STREET AND 11TH AVENUE SW IS OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY. THE RUBBIES COME HERE WHEN THE BARS CLOSE.

STEAM BATHS

DAN DOMINQUES < AUG 1970 > 3RD STREET EAST BETWEEN 7TH AND 8TH AVENUES IS A REAL HOLE FREQUENTED BY THE OLDER GAY. IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR THE SQUEAMISH.

BARS

CARLTON BAR < FEB 1971 > 126 9TH AVENUE NW IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE PALLISER AND IT CATERS TO A ROUGH CROWD NOT RESTRICTED TO MALE PATRONS IE. THE TRUCK DRIVER TYPE LESBIANS HANG OUT HERE.

CFCIL HOTEL < FEB 1971 > 4TH AVENUE AT 5TH STREET E IS THE MAJOR BAR FOR GAY GIRLS. IT IS FREQUENTED BY WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAMS WHICH ARE NOT EXACTLY NOTED FOR BEING STRAIGHT.

PALLISER HOTEL < FEB 1971 > KINGS ARM TAVERN - 1ST ST. SW OFF 9TH WAS THE PLACE UNTIL IT WAS RENOVATED AND MIXED, BUT NOW SOME GAYS ARE RETURNING.

RED FOX TAVERN < FEB 1971 > DOWNTOWN ON 6TH STREET HAS A QUIET SUBDUED ATMOSPHERE AND IT IS THUS FREQUENTED BY THE GAY EXECUTIVE.

ROYAL HOTEL < FEB 1971 > 8TH AVE AT 2ND STREET, IS THE BAR SINCE THE PALLISER CHANGED.

THE SUMMIT (SHERATON HOTEL BAR) < FEB 1971 > 4TH AVENUE AT FIRST ST. SW HAS A MIXED UNIVERSITY CROWD AND GOOD MUSIC.

CLUBS

CLUB CAROUSEL < MAR 1971 > 1207 1ST ST. SW, IN THE BASEMENT OPEN WEDNESDAY 10:00 PM TO 1:00 AM, AND FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 11:00 PM TO 3:00 AM. IT IS A PRIVATE CO-OPERATIVE. MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALBERTANS ONLY FOR \$10.00 A YEAR. THEIR OUT OF TOWN GUESTS CAN COME FREE FOR 30 DAYS, BUT IN TOWN GUESTS MUST PAY \$2.50. COVER FOR MEMBERS IS \$1.00. BEAUTIFUL BOYS AND GIRLS DANCE TO THE JUKE BOX UNDER BLACK-LIGHTS. SOFT DRINKS ARE AVAILABLE, BUT NO LIQUOR.

MISCELLANEOUS

BANFF < MAR 1970 > IS CRAWLING WITH GAYS IN SUMMER.

CALGARY STAMPEDE < MAR 1970 > ALL THE GAY GUYS IN THE WORLD COME OUT OF THE WOOD-WORK AND DESCEND ON CALGARY, BUT YOU WILL HAVE TO BE FAIRLY OUTGOING TO MEET ANY OF THEM AS THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE WELL BOOKED.

 DOWNSVIEW ONTARIO

MISCELLANEOUS

YORK UNIVERSITY HOMOPHILE ASSOCIATION < MAR 1971 > COUNCIL OF THE YORK STUDENT FEDERATION, ROOM N108, ROSS BUILDING, YORK UNIVERSITY, 4700 KEELE STREET, DOWNSVIEW 463, ONTARIO.

 EDMONTON ALBERTA

CRUISING PLACES

CHATEAU LACOMBE < SEP 1970 > ON THE TRAIL AT THE TOP OF THE HILL TO THE MACDONALD HOTEL.

DREAMLAND THEATRE < JAN 1971 > 9697 JASPER AVENUE IS A REAL HOLE OF A PLACE TO BE USED ONLY BY THOSE UNAFRAID OF V.D.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY < JAN 1971 > JASPER AVENUE ENTRANCE USUALLY HAS SOME
HUSTLERS AMONG THE HIPPIES ALONG THE STREET. THE WASHROOM IS
PATROLLED BY STORE GUARDS.
LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS < JAN 1971 > GROUNDS ARE CRUISING AREAS DURING THE
WARM SUMMER MONTHS. THEY ARE PROBABLY YOUR BEST BET.
OLYMPIC RESTAURANT < JAN 1971 > 10518 JASPER AVE HAS YOUNG, EFFEMINATE
HUSTLERS AND OLD MEN.
PIG 'N WHISTLE CAFE < JAN 1971 > 10548 JASPER AVENUE = HUSTLERS AND OLD MEN
STRAND THEATRE < JAN 1971 > 10211 JASPER AVENUE HAS A LIVELY BACK ROW,
BUT IS DEFINITELY NOT RECOMMENDED EXCEPT FOR THE MOST BRAZEN
AND DESPERATE PEOPLE.

STEAM BATHS

EDMONTON STEAM BATHS < SEP 1970 > JASPER AND 69TH,
GEORGIA TURKISH STEAM BATHS < JAN 1971 > AT 9668 JASPER AVENUE
NOT RECOMMENDED.

BARS

CORONA HOTEL BAR < JAN 1971 > JASPER AND 107TH, HAS STRAIGHT HIPPIES,
STUDENTS, AND PROSTITUTES.
GRAND HOTEL < JAN 1971 > 10260 103RD STREET.
KING EDWARD HOTEL TAVERN < JAN 1971 > 10180 101ST ST. TAVERN ENTRANCE AT
102ND AVE. ALSO MANY STRAIGHT COWBOYS.
MAYFAIR HOTEL BAR < JAN 1971 > 108TH ST. AT JASPER IS THE YOUNG GAY CENTRE.
THE LOUNGE IS STRAIGHT.
MACDONALD HOTEL BAR < JAN 1971 > HAS GONE STRAIGHT TEMPORARILY.
CLUB '70 < JAN 1971 > 106TH ST. NEAR 103RD AVE. OPEN 7:00 PM TO 3:00 AM.
MIXED MALE AND FEMALE BUT MOSTLY MALE. NON-MEMBERS MAY BE SIGNED IN
BY A MEMBER FOR \$2.50.

FORT ERIE ONTARIO

STEAM BATHS

FORT ERIE STEAM BATHS < FEB 1969 > 216 JARVIS STREET.

FORT ST. JOHN BRITISH COLUMBIA

CRUISING PLACES

SOUTH END OF CECIL LAKE < AUG 1970 > HAS A SURPRISING GAY POPULATION
FOR SUCH A SMALL TOWN.

FREDERICTON NEW BRUNSWICK

CRUISING PLACES

THE GREEN < JUN 1970 >

BARS

LORD BEAVERBROOK HOTEL < JUN 1970 >

HALIFAX NOVA SCOTIA

CRUISING PLACES

BARRINGTON STREET < AUG 1970 > ALONG THE NAVAL DOCKYARD IS INTERESTING
BETWEEN 10:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT -- USUALLY A FEW SAILORS LOOKING FOR SOME
FUN. JUST SLOW DOWN AND THEY'LL GET THE MESSAGE IF THEY ARE
INTERESTED.
BLACK ROCK BEACH < AUG 1970 > HAS POTENTIAL BUT A GOOD EYE AND A BIT OF
AGGRESSIVENESS ARE PREREQUISITES.
CITADEL HILL < AUG 1970 > AND ALONG SACKVILLE STREET BY THE HILL. IT IS
ONLY SAFE IF YOU ARE IN A CAR. GAME FOLDS AT 1:00 A.M.
HALIFAX SHOPPING CENTRE < AUG 1970 > IS YOUR BEST BET.
LORD NELSON HOTEL SHOPPING ARCADE < AUG 1970 > IS WHERE HALIFAX'S FEW
HUSTLERS HANG OUT. IT IS KNOWN AS A MEAT RACK.
PUBLIC GARDENS < AUG 1970 > AROUND 7 TO 8:00 PM IN SUMMER IS YOUR BEST BET.
ALSO TRY SUNDAY AFTERNOONS TO MEET SOME OF THE CLOSELY KNIT
COLLEGE CROWD.

SCOTIA SQUARE < AUG 1970 > LARGE SHOPPING, BUSINESS, AND HOUSING CENTRE.
SPRING GARDEN ROAD < AUG 1970 >

BARS

THE CANDLELIGHT LOUNGE < AUG 1970 > SPRING GARDEN RD., IS MIXED BUT FROM WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY IT IS COMPLETELY GAY.
CAPTAIN'S TABLE < AUG 1970 > DOWNSTAIRS HAS LOUSY SERVICE, A COVER CHARGE AND ON WEEKENDS IT IS VERY CROWDED -- MOSTLY WITH DRUNKEN COUPLES -- MALE AND FEMALE.
THE PICCADILLY TAVERN < AUG 1970 > 1599 GRAFTON IS A MIXED TAVERN -- COMBINES COLLEGE KIDS AND SOME GAYS. IT IS DEFINITELY NOT A PLACE TO CRUISE, BUT GAYS RECEIVE NO HASSLE.

JASPER ALBERTA

BARS

ATHABASCA HOTEL < JAN 1971 > IS BETTER THAN MOST CITY BARS. RECOMMENDED
WALPER HOTEL < DEC 1970 > THE LOUNGE IS NOT STRAIGHT, BUT THE PUB HAS TAKEN OVER.

KAMLOOPS BRITISH COLUMBIA

CRUISING PLACES

RIVERSIDE PARK < OCT 1970 > IN LATE EVENING

BARS

CANADIAN INN < OCT 1970 > IN THE BAR LEFT CORNER NEAR THE ALLEY ENTRANCE.
PLAZA HOTEL < OCT 1970 > NEAR THE LOBBY ENTRANCE.
STOCKMAN'S BEER PARLOUR < OCT 1970 > BETWEEN THE SIDE DOORS.

LETHBRIDGE ALBERTA

CRUISING PLACES

GALT GARDENS < JAN 1971 > IS A SCENIC SUMMER BEAUTY SPOT WITH PEOPLE ON THE GRASS. THIS DOWNTOWN PARK IS THE BEST CRUISING PLACE.
PARK PLAZA COFFEE SHOP < JAN 1971 > HAS PROSTITUTES AND HUSTLERS, BUT IT IS A NICE PLACE OTHERWISE.
NEW MOON CAFE < JAN 1971 > POSSIBLE PICK-UPS IF YOU ARE NOT CHOOSY.

BARS

EL RANCHO OUTRIDER < JAN 1971 > HAS MANY STRAIGHTS AND SOME STUDENTS.
LETHBRIDGE HOTEL < JAN 1971 > NEAR GALT GARDENS
MARQUIS TAVERN < JAN 1971 > LADIES AND ESCORTS SIDE IS FREQUENTED BY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

LONDON ONTARIO

CRUISING PLACES

VICTORIA PARK < DECEMBER 1969 > BOUNDED BY CLARENCE, DUFFERIN, CENTRAL AND WELLINGTON STREETS.

STEAM BATHS

LONDON STEAM BATHS < MAY 1970 > DUNDAS STREET EAST IS GAY, HYPERSENSITIVE, PARANOID, BUT GOOD.

BARS

CAMELOT LOUNGE < SEP 1970 > IN THE HOTEL LONDON IS 90% GAY. THE BAR IS GAYER THAN THE TABLES. IT IS RATED EXCELLENT.
HOLIDAY INN < MAY 1970 > THE DOWNTOWN BAR IS QUIET BUT GOOD.

CLUBS

ASK THE GIRL BARTENDER AT THE CAMELOT < MAY 1970 > AS THE CLUB MOVES EACH WEEK.

THE CLUB < SEP 1970 > EAST END OF DUNDAS STREET IS A SMALL CLUB FOR GAY GIRLS AND BOYS. IT IS COLD IN WINTER AND SWELTERING IN SUMMER.
GRAPEVINE < MAR 1971 > WELLINGTON ROAD IS OPEN ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT FROM 10:00 P.M. TO 4:00 A.M.

MISCELLANEOUS

TRAFFORD'S STORE FOR MEN < DECEMBER 1969 > ON CLARENCE STREET ACROSS FROM WELLINGTON SQUARE. THE STAFF IS YOUNG AND VERY FRIENDLY. THE CLOTHES ARE VERY MODERN, INEXPENSIVE, AND MOSTLY FROM MONTREAL.
WESTERN UNIVERSITY HOMOPHILE ASSOCIATION < MAR 1971 >

MEDICINE HAT ALBERTA

BARS

ASSINIBOIA HOTEL < JAN 1971 >

MONTREAL QUEBEC

BECAUSE OF THE F.L.Q. SCARE, THE POLICE WERE GIVEN PRETTY FREE REIN TO DO AS THEY PLEASED. THEY CLOSED NEARLY ALL OF MONTREAL'S BARS AND CLUBS, BUT MONTREAL GAY LIFE WON'T STAY UNDERGROUND FOR LONG.

CRUISING PLACES

DOMINION SQUARE < AUGUST 1969 > DORCHESTER AND PEEL STREET IS THE SCENE OF DESPERATE CRUISING SUNDAY AFTERNOONS.
DOWNTOWN PARK < MAY 1970 > WINDSOR & SUNLIGHT
MONARCH CAFE < FEBRUARY 1969 > E. ST. CATHERINE ST. IS ACTIVE SUNDAY AFTERNOONS.
PLACE CONCORDE < MAY 1970 >
PLACE VILLE MARIE < MAY 1970 > ESPECIALLY SATURDAY NIGHT
PARK LAFONTAINE < SEP 1970 > CHRISTOPHE COLOMB == SHERBROOKE
ST. CATHERINE STREET < AUGUST 1969 > IS ACTIVE AFTER 11 P.M.
YMCA < JUNE 1970 > GUYS PARADE AROUND SANS TOWELS

STEAM BATHS

COLONIAL BATHS < FEB 1970 > 3963 COLONIAL

BARS

AL TESSE TAVERNE < AUGUST 1970 > EAST ST. CATHERINE STREET NEAR CLARK IS A LEATHER BAR AND IS A BIT ROUGH.
BUD'S BAR < MAR 1971 > 1250 STANLEY STREET IS RUMOURED CLOSED, BUT IT IS KNOWN FOR ITS CHEAP BEER. IT HAS A SLIGHT REPUTATION AMONG STRAIGHT PEOPLE AS A GAY BAR.
COTE DES NEIGES < AUGUST 1969 > ABOUT 5 BLOCKS SOUTH OF JEAN TALON
DOMINION SQUARE TAVERNE < AUGUST 1969 > 1243 METCALFE SOUTH OF ST. CATHERINE IS AGAIN A LEATHER BAR. HUSTLERS HANG OUT THERE. IT IS NOT AS GOOD AS THE PEEL PUB.
LINCOLNE TAVERNE < FEBRUARY 1969 > UPSTAIRS ST. DENIS AND MT. ROYALE
LION TAVERNE < FEBRUARY 1969 > 1451 METCALFE
MONTEREY LOUNGE < FEB 1970 > 1108 ST. CATHERINE W HAS A ROUGH CROWD.
NEPTUNE TAVERNE < FEBRUARY 1969 > 121 DES COMMISSAIRES WEST IS A LEATHER BAR.
PEEL PUB < AUGUST 1969 > 1107 ST. CATHERINE ST. W. BY PEEL STREET. IT HAS TWO ENTRANCES, ONE OFF EITHER STREET. DURING THE DAY IT IS STRAIGHT, BUT IN THE EVENING IT IS GAY UNTIL THE MIDNIGHT CLOSING.
PLATEAU TAVERNE < FEBRUARY 1969 > 75 E. ST. CATHERINE STREET.
ST. REGIS TAVERNE < FEBRUARY 1969 > 481 ST. CATHERINE STREET

CLUBS

AU QUATRE COINS DU MONDE < FEB 1970 > 1218 STANLEY SOUTH OF ST. CATHERINE
IT HAS A SMALL DANCE FLOOR IN THE BASEMENT. THE MAIN FLOOR IS USUALLY STRAIGHT EXCEPT WHEN IT IS VERY CROWDED WHEN IT ALSO BECOMES GAY. IT USED TO HAVE A ROUGH CROWD, BUT CURRENTLY IT IS QUITE NICE. THERE IS A COVER CHARGE OF ABOUT \$1.00.
BLACK BOTTOM < FEBRUARY 1970 > IN OLD MONTREAL ON LAUBENTIAN STREET IS FOR GIRLS AND SINGLES.
LE CACHOT < FEB 1971 > 1204 DRUMMOND STREET IS LIKE THE TAUREAU D'OR. IT IS BEST ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON WHEN A PARTY BEGINS AT 2:00 P.M. THERE IS A SMALL COVER CHARGE FOR THIS PARTY BUT NOT AT OTHER TIMES.
CASSE DE SOL < FEBRUARY 1970 > ST. CATHERINE AND PIE NEUF BLVD. IS FOR SINGLES.

EDIFICE < FEB 1970 > 1218 STANLEY UPSTAIRS AND DOWNSTAIRS ALIAS THE HOUSE OF SHISKEBAB HAS DANCING.

HAWAIIAN LOUNGE < FEB 1971 > 1254 STANLEY UPSTAIRS IS OPEN UNTIL 3:00 A.M. GIRLS AND STRAIGHTS FREQUENT THE PLACE ALSO. THE RAISED BAR AT THE BACK IS GAY, AND YOU HAVE TO STAND UP WEEKENDS WHEN IT GETS VERY CROWDED. IT HAS A SLIGHT REPUTATION AMONG STRAIGHTS AS A GAY BAR AS IT HAS SHOWS WITH A FEMALE IMPERSONATOR AND SOMETIMES A STRIPPER. ABOUT ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS HE GETS CARRIED AWAY AND STRIPS TO THE SKIN WHEN A REALLY SWISHY SHOW IS PROMISED THERE IS A COVER CHARGE OF 50¢. YOU ARE ADVISED TO LEAVE BEFORE 2:30 AS THE CRUISING GETS VERY GRIM AFTER THAT TIME -- GROUP GROPE ETC.

ONLY CLUB < FEBRUARY 1969 > CLARK AND EAST ST. CATHERINE

P.J.'S < FEB 1971 > PEEL STREET NORTH OF ST. CATHERINE ACROSS FROM SHERATON MOUNT ROYAL IS LARGE AND CROWDED. GOOD MUSIC. DANCE FLOOR. NO COVER CHARGE. OPEN LATE.

RED CARPET < AUGUST 1969 > HOTEL COLONNADE ON DORCHESTER EAST OF GUY ST. ACROSS FROM THE CBC. IT IS A DIVE INHABITED BY CBC PEOPLE AND IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED.

SCANDINAVIA CLUB < AUGUST 1969 > IS ROUGH AND NOT TOTALLY GAY. NOT RECOMMENDED.

LE TAUREAU D'OR < FEB 1970 > (THE GOLDEN BULL) 1419 DRUMMOND STREET NORTH OF ST. CATHERINE. THERE IS NO SIGN BUT THERE IS A RED LIGHT ABOVE THE DOOR. YOU GO UPSTAIRS. THERE IS A JUKE BOX BUT NO DANCING. IT HAS A VERY NICE CROWD -- PROBABLY THE BEST IN MONTREAL.

321 CLUB < FEBRUARY 1970 > CRESCENT AND MOUNTAIN IS FOR SINGLES.

LE TUNISIA < FEB 1971 > 1204 DRUMMOND STREET UPSTAIRS ABOVE LE CACHOT IS A NICE DANCE BAR. IT IS NOT VERY BUSY ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY HOWEVER. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

VENDOME < AUG 1970 > 1202 ST. CATHERINE IS A VERY SWISH AND SNOBBY PLACE.

MISCELLANEOUS

A.B.C. TOURIST HOME < FEB 1970 > 1179 BISHOP

LA BOHEME < FEB 1970 > 1418 GUY

BOUTIQUE PIERRE CARDIN < DEC 1970 > ONE WESTMOUNT SQUARE

CAFE REGENT APOLLO < FEB 1970 > 3RD FLOOR PARK AT LAURIER

CHATEAU L'ESCALE < AUGUST 1969 > BETWEEN ST. CATHERINE AND SHERBROOKE WEST OF GUY IS AN APARTMENT BUILDING INHABITED BY GAYS.

LA CHEMISERIE DOMINIQUE INC. < DEC 1970 > 1479 ST. CATHERINE ST. EAST

THE INN < DEC 1970 > 1062 MACKAY (514) 861-7627 \$6.00 SINGLE ROOM

MEN'S CLOTHING STORE < AUGUST 1969 > ON ST. CATHERINE SELLS WILD CLOTHING. THEY HAVE MANNEQUINS WITH HARD ONS.

MONSIEUR MOUSTACHE < DEC 1970 > 479 ST. CATHERINE ST. WEST

ORGI BOUTIQUE < DEC 1970 > 339 ST. CATHERINE ST. WEST

TRIP IN BOUTIQUE INC. < DEC 1970 > 1212 ST. CATHERINE ST. WEST

VINES GUEST HOUSE < FEB 1970 > 1208 DRUMMOND

 OTTAWA ONTARIO

CRUISING PLACES

ALEXANDRIA HOTEL < JUNE 1970 > MEN'S WASHROOM

BANK STREET < JUNE 1970 > SUPPOSEDLY GOOD AFTER 9:00 P.M.

CHATEAU LAURIER < FEB 1971 > DOWNSTAIRS IN THE HALLWAY BY THE POOL AND THE CAN AT THE END OF THE HALL. EVERYBODY ON THEIR WAY FROM MAJOR'S HILL DROPS IN HERE. ALSO IF YOU THINK SOMEONE IS FOLLOWING YOU WHO LIKES YOU, HEAD FOR THE CAN AT THE END OF THE HALL. IF HE LIKES YOU HE WILL FOLLOW. ALSO THE UPSTAIRS WASHROOM (MAIN FLOOR) NEAR THE BACK ENTRANCE TO THE COCK AND LION LOUNGE. THE CHATEAU SWIMMING POOL IS ACTIVE IN LATE AFTERNOONS. THE STEAM BATH FOR MEN ONLY IS OPEN TUESDAY AND SATURDAY. CUTE FRENCH HUSTLERS HANG AROUND THE EAST DOOR TO THE MAIN LOBBY.

COLONIAL COACH LINES < JUNE 1970 > (VOYAGEUR COLONIAL) ALBERT AND BANK STREET DOWNSTAIRS. MOSTLY OLD MEN BUT THE OCCASIONAL C.Y.T.

MAJOR'S HILL PARK < JUNE 1970 > BEHIND THE CHATEAU LAURIER AND ALSO NAPEAN POINT OVERLOOKING THE RIVER. BEST IN THE AFTERNOONS AND EARLY EVENINGS. THE POLICE BECOME ACTIVE ONLY AFTER DARK. THE PLACE IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AFTER DARK. GANGS OF PUNKS LIKE TO BEAT UP AND ROB PEOPLE -- ESPECIALLY SINGLE MALES. SOMEONE WAS MURDERED THERE LAST OCTOBER. GOOD ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTERNOONS ESPECIALLY.

RIALTO THEATRE < JUNE 1970 > ON BANK STREET

RIDEAU CANAL < JUNE 1970 > ALONG THE DRIVEWAY

RIDEAU THEATRE < JUNE 1970 > ON RIDEAU -- ALSO THE LONG STRETCH BETWEEN THE CHATEAU LAURIER AND THE RIDEAU RIVER.

SPARK STREET MALL < JUNE 1970 > IS GOOD AT EVENING TIME. PEOPLE ON THE STRAIGHT SIDE OF THE THIN GREY LINE GO.

SKYLINE HOTEL < JUNE 1970 > ALBERT AND LYON STREETS. USE THE ALBERT STREET SIDE ENTRANCE TO THE DOWNSTAIRS WASHROOM.

STRA THCONA PARK < JUNE 1970 > NEAR THE CORNER OF RANGE ROAD AND LAURIER STREET OVERLOOKING THE RIDEAU RIVER. IT IS GOOD AT NIGHT AND RELATIVELY SAFE. THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF STRAIGHT COUPLES DOING THEIR THING IN THE GRASS. THIS PARK IS SECOND ONLY TO MAJOR'S HILL.

BARS

CHEZ HENRI < JUNE 1970 > IN HULL ON PRINCIPAL STREET -- A BROWN BUILDING DIFFICULT TO FIND. IT IS LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE JAIL. IT IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE BIFCO THEQUE ACROSS THE STREET ABOUT A HALF BLOCK AWAY. MOSTLY OLD MEN AND NELLY FAGGOTS FREQUENT THE PLACE, BUT IT CAN BE ROUGH. THERE IS A STRAIGHT DANCE BAR UPSTAIRS AND WHEN ANYBODY GETS KICKED OUT OF THERE THEY WAIT FOR THE GAYS TO COME OUT OF THE DOWNSTAIRS BAR AND ROUGH THEM UP. THE POLICE SEEM TO BE SOMEWHAT BIASED TOWARD THE PUNKS. NOT REALLY RECOMMENDED.

LORD ELGIN < FEB 1971 > ELGIN AND LAURIER STREETS IS BOTH A COCKTAIL LOUNGE UPSTAIRS AND A MEN'S BAR DOWNSTAIRS. BETTER DURING THE WEEK (I DON'T KNOW WHERE EVERYONE GOES ON WEEKENDS -- PROBABLY MONTREAL) RCMP ARE REPUTED TO HAVE HIDDEN MICROPHONES IN THE PLACE BUT I HAVE YET TO FIND ANY. SINCE THE ELGIN IS A HIGH CLASS TOURIST HOTEL, THE NON-GAY CLIENTEL IN THE BAR IS A LOT BETTER THAN AT THE CHEZ HENRI. THE LOUNGE ON THE MAIN FLOOR IS THE BEST SPOT, BUT BEER IS CHEAPER IN THE PUB.

CLUBS

THE CELLAR < FEB 1971 > 30 NICHOLAS STREET ONE BLOCK FROM RIDEAU DOWNSTAIRS. WEDNESDAY IS THE BEST NIGHT, MONDAY HAS A POOR CROWD AND TUESDAY HAS A MIDDLING CROWD. HOWEVER THE REST OF THE WEEK THE CLUB IS STRAIGHT. IT IS A LICENCED DISCOTHEQUE AND HENCE THE 21 AND OVER AGE RESTRICTION. THERE IS A 50¢ COVER CHARGE. THE ACTION BEGINS EARLY AT ABOUT 9:30 AND TAPERS OFF ABOUT MIDNIGHT.

PRINCE GEORGE BRITISH COLUMBIA

CRUISING PLACES

NAPOLE PIZZARIA < FEB 1971 > GEORGE STREET IS PACKED WITH GAYS AND HUS TLERS.

BARS

THE BARN < AUG 1970 > IN THE WEST CORNER -- PROPERLY KNOWN AS THE INN OF THE NORTH,

CLUBS

THE CLUB < JUNE 1970 > ACROSS FROM THE PRINCE GEORGE HOTEL

QUEBEC CITY QUEBEC

CRUISING PLACES

PLAGE 'LES FOULONS' < MAY 1970 >
PLAINES D'ABRAHAM < MAY 1970 >
PROMENADE DES GOUVERNEURS < MAY 1970 >
TERRASSE DUFFREIN < MAY 1970 >

BARS

BOURGEAULT < MAY 1970 > ON RUE ST. JEAN AT THE FOOT OF COTE DE LA FABRIQUE DANTE < FEB 1970 > 17 RUE DE. ST. STANISLAS DOWNSTAIRS
HOTEL CLARENDON < FEB 1970 > RUE DE ST. ANNE
TAVERNE QUARTIER LATIN < FEB 1970 > 1190 RUE ST. JEAN
TAVERNE SELECTE < MAY 1970 > 925 COTE D'ABRAHAM MEN'S BEVERAGE ROOM
TAVERNE DE VIEUX QUEBEC < OCT 1970 > PLACE MARCHE FINLAY HAS A YOUNG CROWD WITH NO GIRLS.

CLUBS

L'ALOUETTE < JAN 1971 > 1169 RUE ST. JEAN NEAR COTE DE LA FABRIQUE IS THE BEST BAR AND ONLY DANCE SPOT THOUGH IT TENDS TO BE A BIT SNOBBISH UNLESS YOU SPEAK FRENCH. THE \$1.00 COVER INCLUDES A FREE BEER AND ON WEDNESDAYS A COLD BUFFET ON THE HOUSE. THERE ARE 3 FLOORS WITH THE BARS UPSTAIRS.
POMPERNIK SAPPHO BAR < DEC 1970 > 684 COTE D'ABRAHAM WAS ALL FEMALE BUT NOW THERE ARE MANY GUYS AFTER THE TROUBLE AT THE CHEZ PAUL. THERE ARE ALSO SOME STRAIGHTS.

MISCELLANEOUS

CAFE CHEZ PAUL < FEB 1971 > 28 RUE ST. NICHOLAS IN THE LOWER PART OF TOWN
IS VERY OLD AND SOMEWHAT INTRIGUING WITH ITS ROUGH CROWD.

REGINA SASKATCHEWAN

CRUISING PLACES

BUS DEPOT < SEP 1970 >
NORTH EAST CORNER OF THE MAIN CAFETERIA ON CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
SASKATCHEWAN < MARCH 1970 > NEAR THE PRAIRIE FIRE NEWSPAPER OFFICE.
CARRY A TEXT BOOK WITH A PIECE OF RED TAPE ACROSS ONE CORNER. THE
OPENING LINE IS "DO YOU KNOW ROEDY?" AS YOU MAY GUESS I HAD SOMETHING
TO DO WITH THE CREATION OF THIS CRUISING SPOT IN AN OTHERWISE VERY
INACTIVE CITY.
VICTORIA PARK < MAY 1970 > IS NOT RECOMMENDED

SASKATOON SASKATCHEWAN

CRUISING PLACES

KIWANIS PARK < OCT 1970 > BETWEEN BROADWAY BRIDGE AND THE BESSBOROUGH HOTEL
ALONG SPADINA CRESCENT IS MOST ACTIVE IN LATE EVENING.
EXECUTIVE RESTAURANT < JAN 1971 > 2ND AVENUE AND 20TH STREET. THE WINDOW
SEATS AND THE TABLES AT THE BACK ARE THE BEST. IT HAS TWO BARS AND
CLOSES EARLY SATURDAY NIGHT.
KING GEORGE MOTOR HOTEL WASHROOM < JAN 1971 > JUST AROUND THE CORNER FROM
THE COFFEE SHOP AND COCKTAIL LOUNGE.
WAYFARE SERVICE RESTAURANT < JAN 1971 > OPEN 24 HOURS SO TRY IT WHEN OTHER
PLACES CLOSE.

BARS

BESSBOROUGH HOTEL < OCT 1970 > ON SPADINA CRESCENT AT THE END OF 21ST ST.
IS POPULAR WITH THE YOUNG CROWD.
SHERATON CAVALIER < OCT 1970 > 612 SPADINA CRESCENT HAS A YOUNG CROWD.
KING GEORGE MOTOR HOTEL < OCT 1970 > 2ND AVENUE AND 23RD STREET SIDE
ENTRANCE.

SEATTLE WASHINGTON U.S.A.

CRUISING PLACES

VOLUNTEER PARK < FEBRUARY 1970 > WEST OF THE 1500 BLOCK GRANDVIEW PLACE IN
FRONT OF THE SEATTLE ART MUSEUM IS A JOYOUS PLACE TO CRUISE. YOUNG
GAYS FROM THE UNIVERSITY DRIVE THEIR CARS DOWN TO THE PARKING AREA AND
PROCEED TO WASH AND WAX THEM SUNNY AFTERNOONS. THERE ARE A LOT OF
STRAIGHTS AND IT IS DAYLIGHT SO CRUISING IS DONE MUCH MORE SUBTLY
THAN USUAL. CARLOADS OF GAYS DRIVE SLOWLY THROUGH THE PARK LOOKING
OVER THE GAYS WALKING AND WASHING. AT NIGHT A ROUGHER CREW TAKES
OVER.

STEAM BATHS

ATLAS STEAM BATH < JUNE 1970 > 1318 SECOND AVENUE 4TH FLOOR
DAVE'S STEAM BATH < JUNE 1970 > 2402 FIRST AVENUE AT BATTERY IS VERY POSH.

BARS

BLACK KNIGHT < FEBRUARY 1969 > NEAR GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT.
CAVALIER INN < MARCH 1970 > 118 YESSLER IS A NELLY BAR FOR SCREAMING
FAGGOTS.
DOUBLE HEADER < FEBRUARY 1969 > 2ND AND YESSLER HAS A ROUGH CROWD WITH SOME
STRAIGHTS.
GOLDEN HORSESHOE < FEBRUARY 1970 > (AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS THE SHOE)
207 2ND AVENUE IS THE BEST PLACE IN SEATTLE BY FAR. ALL THE YOUNG
GOOD LOOKING GUYS GO THERE. IT HAS A DANCE FLOOR WITH STROBE LIGHTS
ETC. FROM THE OUTSIDE IT LOOKS LIKE A DUMP WITH ITS SIGN TURNED OFF,
BUT IT IS RICHLY DONE INSIDE. THERE IS NO COVER CHARGE, BUT SOFT
DRINKS ARE 75¢ AND BEER IS 20¢. YOU WILL SEE A FEW GIRLS HERE, BUT
NOT NEARLY SO MANY AS IN OTHER SEATTLE CLUBS.
THE GREEK TORCH < AUG 1970 > ON YESSLER IS SEATTLE'S BEST COCKTAIL BAR.

MOCAMBO < FEBRUARY 1970 > 203 YESSLER IS A RESTAURANT AND A BAR. IT IS KNOWN FOR THE RATHER UNUSUAL TYPES OF PEOPLE WHO HANG OUT THERE.

NINE-TWENTY-TWO CLUB < MARCH 1970 > 922 3RD STREET IS A LEATHER BAR. THE PEOPLE WHO FREQUENT THIS PLACE ARE TERRIBLY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR MASCULINITY. IF YOU DON'T MAKE A RESERVATION AT THE POOL TABLE THEY CONSIDER YOU EFFEMINATE, YET I HAVE ONE SEATTLE'S WORD THAT EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM IS JUST DYING TO BE SCREWED. THEY TEND TO WEAR LEATHER JACKETS WHICH IS WHY IT IS CALLED A LEATHER BAR; IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHIPPING, SADISM, OR MASOCHISM.

PIKE STREET TAVERN < FEBRUARY 1970 > 824 PIKE STREET IS A POPULAR PLACE.

SILVER SLIPPER < FEBRUARY 1969 > 210 S. JACKSON STREET IS PRETTY MUCH FOR GIRLS ONLY.

SILVER STAR < FEBRUARY 1970 > 173 S. WASHINGTON IS A GRUBBY PLACE WITH STRAIGHTS AS WELL.

SIX-ELEVEN CLUB < FEBRUARY 1970 > 611 2ND AVENUE IS STRICTLY A BAR -- QUITE NICE, BUT PEOPLE MAINLY COME HERE EARLY IN THE EVENING TO GET LUBRICATED BEFORE HEADING OFF TO ONE OF THE DANCE BARS.

SIX-FOURTEEN CLUB < FEBRUARY 1970 > 614 1ST STREET IS A WILD ABANDONED PLACE. IT IS HALF GAY GIRLS AND HALF GAY GUYS, SO YOU MIGHT EVEN GUESS IT IS STRAIGHT AT FIRST GLANCE. IT HAS A DANCE FLOOR AND HEAVY ROCK DANCE MUSIC, QUITE UNLIKE THE "I-LOVE-YOU-TEEN-QUEEN" STUFF THAT COMES FROM MOST JUKE BOXES. IT MAY BE A BIT MUCH TO TAKE IF YOU ARE NEW BECAUSE OF THE WEIRD CHARACTERS HANGING ABOUT.

SPAG'S < FEBRUARY 1970 > PINE AND TERRY STREETS IS A VERY NEAT AND CLEAN BAR WITH A POOL TABLE. THE IVY LEAGUE CROWD OF A FEW YEARS BACK LIVES ON AT SPAG'S. IT HAS A PLEASANT FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.

STAGE DOOR < FEBRUARY 1969 > 158 WASHINGTON HAS A ROUGH CROWD, BUT IT HAS FLOOR SHOWS.

CLUBS

107 CLUB < JUNE 1970 > 107 OCCIDENTAL SOUTH OPENED JUNE 1. IT IS OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK FROM 9:00 P.M. ON. THERE IS A \$1 ADMISSION CHARGE.

MISCELLANEOUS

CENTURION BOOK STORE < NOVEMBER 1969 > 903 PINE SPECIALIZES IN GAY PULP LITERATURE.

THE DORIAN SOCIETY < JUNE 1970 > 320 MALDEN AVENUE EAST IS A SOCIAL GROUP WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS HELPS NEW GUYS TO COME OUT.

NORM'S BOOK AND MATCH STORE < FEBRUARY 1970 > WEST SIDE UP 1ST BETWEEN PIKE AND PINE SELLS MAGAZINES OF MALE NUDES.

UNDERGROUND ARTS < FEB 1971 > 1023 1ST AVENUE IS A STRANGE PORN SHOP RUN BY A GROUP OF HIPPIES. PIPED MUSIC. MOVIES, SLIDES, DILDOES, BOOKS, 'SCREW', AND 'GAY' MAGAZINES FOR SALE.

 SAINT JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND

CRUISING PLACES

BANNERMAN PARK < DEC 1970 > ALONG MILITARY ROAD AND ON BEACHES.

WATER STREET WEST < DEC 1970 > ROUGH

BARs

ADMIRAL'S KEG < DEC 1970 > IN THE NEWFOUNDLAND HOTEL IS MIXED STRAIGHT AND GAY. WEAR A TIE.

 TORONTO ONTARIO

CRUISING PLACES

BUS TERMINAL WASHROOM < MAR 1971 > BAY AND DUNDAS HAS LOTS OF RUBBY=DUBS WITH SEX ON THEIR MINDS AND ALSO SOME CUPS.

FRAN'S < MAR 1971 > COLLEGE AT YONGE STREET BUT ONLY BEFORE 11:00 P.M.

HANLAN'S POINT BEACH < MAR 1971 > TORONTO ISLANDS IS VERY GOOD IN SUMMER.

KEW BEACH < MAR 1971 > WOODBINE AT LAKESHORE JUST WEST OF THE SUMMERVILLE POOL, ALONG THE BEACH AND ALONG THE BOARDWALK.

LINDY'S < MAR 1971 > 403 YONGE STREET IS A RESTAURANT THAT CHARGES \$1.25 FOR A HAMBURGER, AND IT IS NOT EVEN VERY BUSY.

QUEEN'S PARK < MAR 1971 > (NO JOKE THIS IS ITS NAME) BEHIND THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS ON THE BENCHES OR CIRCLING THE STATUE OF KING GEORGE OR IN DARK BRUSH-COVERED CORNERS.

ST. JOSEPH STREET < MAR 1971 > ON THE SOUTH SIDE BETWEEN HAY STREET AND AND QUEEN'S PARK CRESCENT IS WHERE ALL THE UNPICKED GUYS FLOCK AFTER THE CLUBS CLOSE. THE PRETTY ONES SIT IN THEIR CARS AND THE NOT SO PRETTY ONES LINE UP ALONG THE SIDEWALK WAITING TO BE PICKED UP. THERE ARE SOME HUSTLERS. BEST 2:00 A.M. TO 5:00 A.M.

WASHROOM AT BLOOR & YONGE SUBWAY STOP < MAR 1971 > WATCH FOR COPS
YONGE STREET < MAR 1971 > BETWEEN COLLEGE AND WELLESLEY ALMOST ANY
NIGHT AFTER DARK.
YMCA LOBBY < MAR 1971 > COLLEGE STREET WEST OF YONGE, OR ANYWHERE AT ALL IN
THE WHOLE BUILDING.

STEAM BATHS

BEVERLY BATHS < FEB 1970 > YONGE AT DUNDAS
INTERNATIONAL STEAM BATHS < MAR 1971 > COLLEGE AT SPADINA IS KNOWN FOR
ITS URGIES. IT IS RAIDED EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE. V.D. AND TRANSIENTS.
LIBRARY STEAM BATHS < MAR 1971 > 5 WELLESLEY STREET HAS THREE FLOORS. IN
THE BASEMENT IS A STEAM ROOM. ON THE MAIN FLOOR ARE THE OFFICE,
LOUNGE AND LOCKERS. UPSTAIRS ARE LUXURY PRIVATE ROOMS AND SUITES ALL
WITH T.V.
OAK LEAF BATHS < FEB 1970 > 218 BATHURST
ROMAN BATHS < MAR 1971 > 740 BAY STREET SOUTH OF COLLEGE IS A NICE PLACE.

BARs

ALGONQUIN TAVERN < MAR 1971 > YONGE AT CUMMER IS MUCH LIKE THE PARKSIDE
TAVERN. IT IS INEXPENSIVE FOR THE GUYS UP NORTH IN WILLOWDALE.
THE FAMOUS DOOR < MAR 1971 > 665 YONGE IS THE NEWEST AND NOISIEST BAR.
FORD HOTEL BAR < SEP 1970 > 595 BAY STREET IS FREQUENTED BY SADISTS,
MASOCHISTS, FFTISHISTS, BUT MOSTLY HUSTLERS.
PARKSIDE TAVERN < MAR 1971 > 530 YONGE STREET AT BREADALBANE SOUTH OF WELL-
ESLEY HAS A BRIGHT DECOR, DIM MUSIC, CHEAP BEER, COMFORTABLE SURROUND-
INGS. AN ENJOYABLY CROWDED PLACE.
ST. CHARLES TAVERN AND BAR < MAR 1971 > 488 YONGE STREET NORTH OF COLLEGE
HAS LOUD MUSIC, DIM LIGHTS, AND CHEAP BEER.
STOP 33 < MAR 1971 > IN THE SUTTON PLACE HOTEL AT BAY AND WELLESLEY STREETS
IS A GAY-STRAIGHT CLUB-TYPE BAR WITH LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND A 50¢
WASHROOM CHARGE! EXPENSIVE, BUT A GOOD VIEW OF THE CITY.
TIMES SQUARE LOUNGE < MAR 1971 > IN THE KING EDWARD HOTEL ON KING STREET
EAST OF YONGE HAS A MIXED STRAIGHT AND GAY CROWD.
THE GAS WORKS < FEB 1971 > YONGE AND DUNDONALD IS MIXED STRAIGHT AND GAY.
WESTBURY LOUNGE < MARCH 1970 > IN THE PLAZA HOTEL IS OK.
WINSTON CHURCHILL < AUG 1970 > PISS ELEGANT CROWD.

CLUBS

THE AUGUST CLUB < MAR 1971 > 530 YONGE ABOVE THE PARKSIDE TAVERN HAS YOUNG
CROWDS OF 300 TO 400 PEOPLE ON WEEKENDS. IT IS A HUGE PLACE WITH A
CROWD SIMILAR TO VANCOUVER'S B&B EXCEPT THE PEOPLE ARE NOT QUITE AS
FRIENDLY.
THE CLUB 511 < MAR 1971 > 511 YONGE ACROSS FROM THE AUGUST IN A COLD BASE-
MENT. SOME LIVE MUSIC WITH A DISK JOCKEY, BUT THE LAY-OUT IS POOR.
THE CROWD IS MOSTLY YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT SOME OLDER ONES TOO. ABOUT
200 PEOPLE SHOW UP ON WEEKENDS INCLUDING SOME LEATHER AND MOTORCYCLE
TYPES. THEY MAY HAVE A LIQUOR LICENCE SOON. \$1.00 COVER.
THE MANATEE CLUB < MAR 1971 > 11-A ST. JOSEPH STREET WEST OF YONGE HAS GOOD
MUSIC, A YOUNGER CROWD, A MARINE DECOR WITH A HUGE MASTHEAD HOLDING
THE DISK JOCKEY, GO=GO BUYS AND A SHORT DRAG SHOW ON SATURDAY NIGHT.
THE PENTHOUSE < MAR 1971 > 575 YONGE NORTH OF WELLESLEY ABOVE A DRUG STORE
WAS FORMERLY FOR GIRLS ONLY, BUT THERE ARE SOME GUYS NOW. IT IS OPEN
UNTIL 4:00 A.M.
ST. CHARLES < MAR 1971 > ALIAS MAYEGAYE DANCE CLUB 488 YONGE STREET ABOVE
THE ST. CHARLES IS TORONTO'S ONLY LICENCED CLUB THAT SEEMS TO SERVE
THE UNDERAGED. SOME HUSTLERS AND LEATHER TYPES.
LE TRIQUE < MAR 1971 > BREADALBANE STREET NEAR THE AUGUST HAS A SIGN WITH
AN ANCHOR. MOSTLY GIRLS AND FLOWER CHILDREN.

MISCELLANEOUS

BOOKSTORE ACROSS FROM PARKSIDE TAVERN < OCT 1970 >
CINEMA 2000 < OCT 1970 > YONGE NORTH OF DUNDAS
COMMUNITY HOMOPHILE ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO < MAR 1971 >
JEWELLERY STORE < MAY 1970 > IN PARK PLAZA CATERS TO A GAY CLIENTEL
OLYMPIA BOOKS < OCT 1970 > YONGE NORTH OF WELLESLEY
RIO THEATRE < OCT 1970 > 373 YONGE STREET
TIMES SQUARE BOOKS < OCT 1970 > YONGE NORTH OF DUNDAS
TORONTO DAILY STAR < MAR 1971 > SHARED ACCOMMODATION SECTION 26A OF THE
CLASSIFIED ADS. USUALLY SEX, RATHER THAN APARTMENTS WANTED. WATCH
FOR 'CONGENIAL', OR 'YOUNG GUY', AND 'ONE BEDROOM TO SHARE'. DO
NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK, "ARE YOU GAY?"
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO HOMOPHILE ASSOCIATION < MAR 1971 >

CRUISING PLACES

CRYSTAL POOL < MAR 1971 > 1490 BEACH. THE PARK AREAS SURROUNDING THE POOL ARE VANCOUVER'S MAIN CRUISING GROUNDS. THEY ARE ACTIVE EVERY NIGHT OF THE WEEK EVEN IN POURING RAIN AND FURIOUS BLIZZARDS. THEY ARE QUITE SAFE -- AT LEAST FROM THE GETTING BEAT UP OR ROBBED POINT OF VIEW.

CRYSTAL POOL PARKING LOT < MAR 1971 > 1490 BEACH. YOUNG GAYS MEET HERE IN SUMMER, GET OUT OF THEIR CARS, RUN AROUND, GET BACK INTO DIFFERENT CARS AND THEN DRIVE OFF.

ENGLISH BAY BOATHOUSE MEN'S WASHROOM < MAR 1971 > IS ACTIVE DURING THE DAY.

STANLEY PARK < MAR 1971 > IN THE EVENING. LEE'S TRAIL IS WELL USED. IT IS NOT ALL THAT SAFE HOWEVER AND PUNKS PATROL THE TRAILS. IN THE SUMMER MONTHS GAYS TAKE OVER CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE SOUTHERN BEACHES.

WHITE LUNCH < MAR 1971 > 808 GRANVILLE IS A DIVE WHERE HUSTLERS HANG OUT.

WRECK BEACH < MAR 1971 > AT UBC BEHIND PLACE VANIER. GO DOWN THE WELL-WORN TRAIL AND TURN LEFT AT THE BOTTOM. WALK ALONG THE BEACH FOR A LONG TIME. EVENTUALLY YOU WILL GET TO VANCOUVER'S NUDE SUNBATHING BEACH. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTERNOONS ARE MOST ACTIVE -- WITH LOTS OF CARRYING ON IN THE NEARBY BUSHES. THE PLACE HAS TONED DOWN RECENTLY DUE TO A LOT OF PUBLICITY.

STEAM BATHS

DINO'S VANCOUVER TURKISH BATHS < MAR 1971 > 744 WEST HASTINGS

DRAKE STEAM BATHS < MAR 1971 > 636 DRAKE

RICHARDS STREET SERVICE CLUB < MAR 1971 > 1169 RICHARD'S STREET IS A PRIVATE CLUB WHICH MEANS THEY CAN SCREEN THE CLIENTEL, AND THERE ARE DOORS WITH LOCKS ON THE ROOMS YOU RENT. WHEN YOU GO FOR THE FIRST TIME, IF THE DOORMAN HASSLES YOU, TELL HIM YOU ARE GAY AND WANT TO JOIN. MEMBERSHIP IS \$1 PER YEAR. THE ENTRANCE FEE IS \$2.50 WEEK NIGHTS AND \$3.50 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. IT HAS GONE DOWNHILL RECENTLY AS THEY ARE NO LONGER AS SELECTIVE ABOUT THEIR CLIENTEL.

NIWEST STEAM BATH < MAR 1971 > 533 FRONT STREET IN NEW WESTMINSTER HAS COLOUR T.V. AND AN ADMISSION OF \$2.00. IT IS KNOWN FOR BEING SOMEWHAT WILDER THAN THE OTHER BATHS.

TAURUS SPA < MAR 1971 > 1233 HURNBY IS VANCOUVER'S NEWEST STEAM BATH AND IT HAS GONE OUT AFTER A STRICTLY GAY CLIENTEL. THE FIRST TIME YOU GO IT COSTS \$5.00 AND \$2.50 THEREAFTER.

BARs

BLUE NOTE CABARET < MAR 1971 > 200 DRAG QUEENS GO HERE EACH WEEKEND TO ROB DRUNK SAILORS.

CASTLE HOTEL BAR < MAR 1971 > 750 GRANVILLE IS A VERY SMALL BAR, BUT IT IS STRICTLY GAY. MOST OF THE YOUNG GUYS GO THERE EARLY IN THE EVENING AND THEN HEAD OFF TO ONE OF THE CLUBS WHEN IT CLOSES AT MIDNIGHT. THE WAITERS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN HASSLING THE MORE OBVIOUS GAYS. THERE ARE A FEW STRAIGHTS EARLY IN THE DAY, BUT BY MID AFTERNOON THE GAYS PRETTY WELL TAKE OVER.

THE GASTOWN INN < MAR 1971 > NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE GASTOWN SALOON IS THE PLACE WHERE THE HIP YOUNG GENERATION CONGREGATES. THE ATMOSPHERE REFLECTS THE AMBISexual ATTITUDES OF MOST YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY.

THE NELSON PLACE < MAR 1971 > 1006 GRANVILLE STREET IS THE NEW NAME FOR THE BELMONT WHICH BURNED DOWN IN THE SUMMER OF 1970. THE CROWD IS ABOUT 50-50 GAY AND STRAIGHT. IT IS A HUGE PUB WITH FRIENDLY STAFF.

VANPORT HOTEL BAR < MAR 1971 > IS THE MAIN LESBIAN HANGOUT IN VANCOUVER. IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED AS THE CROWD IS QUITE ROUGH WITH A LOT OF PNT USERS AND HEROIN ADDICTS.

CLUBS

THE AUGUST < MAR 1971 > OPENS AT 4:30 P.M. AND IT IS THE ONLY LICENCED GAY CABARET IN VANCOUVER. 20 TO 70 PEOPLE WILL SHOW UP FOR HAPPY HOUR FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. WHEN DRINKS ARE CHEAPER -- EG. HIGHBALLS REDUCED FROM 75¢ TO 50¢. THESE PEOPLE WILL LEAVE AND ANOTHER CROWD OF 100 PEOPLE COME LATER (IF THEY COME AFTER 9:00 P.M. THEY MUST PAY \$1 COVER CHARGE) FOR THE DRAG SHOWS. THE FRIDAY NIGHT SHOW STARTS AT 11:15 AND RUNS FOR 30 MINUTES, THEN THERE IS A 15 MINUTE BREAK FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER 30 MINUTES OF SHOW. THE SHOWS ARE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY MIMING SONGS TO RECORDS SOMETIMES WITH ELABORATE STAGE EFFECTS SUCH AS A SNOW MACHINE, A FOG MACHINE, AND A HUGE SWING THAT SWOOPS OUT OVER THE AUDIENCE. THE SATURDAY NIGHT SHOW RUNS FOR 45 MINUTES. MEALS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES THE CLUB IS OPEN WITH A SPECIALTY EACH NIGHT. COSTS ARE REASONABLE (BARON OF BEEF \$1.50). BECAUSE OF LCB REGULATIONS THEY MUST HAVE EVERYBODY OUT BY 2:30 AM ON A WEEKDAY AND 1:30 ON A SATURDAY. THE CROWD IS OLDER BUSINESSMEN AND COUPLES. NO WOMEN ARE ALLOWED IN. UNDERAGE MALES WILL BE ADMITTED BUT THEY WILL NOT BE SERVED LIQUOR.

THE B&B < MAR 1971 > 1369 RICHARDS STREET IS BY FAR THE BEST CLUB IN VANCOUVER FOR SINGLES. SEE THE OTHER PART OF THE BLURB FOR A VERY DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF IT. THE BEST NIGHT IS SATURDAY WHEN ALL THE SINGLES SHOW UP. THE NEXT BEST IS FRIDAY. DURING THE WEEK MAINLY COUPLES COME. IT IS A LOT OF FUN THEN (YOU HAVE SOME ROOM TO DANCE) BUT IT IS NOT TOO GOOD FOR PICK-UPS.

B.J.'S < MAR 1971 > 339 WEST PENDER HAS A THOROUGHLY MIXED CROWD -- STRAIGHT-GAY, MALE-FEMALE. GO ON A FRIDAY TO AVOID THE LARGE CROWDS, BUT GO ON A SATURDAY IF YOU ARE A SARDINE. OPEN ONLY ON THE WEEKEND. DOORS OPEN AT 9:30 P.M. THERE IS AN EXCELLENT DRAG SHOW -- HUMOUROUS SKETCHES, MALE AND 'FEMALE' DANCERS, A PROPER STAGE, A TRULY GOOD COMMEDIEENNE, AND THE STANDARD MIMING TO RECORDS STARTING AT 12:30 A.M. ADMISSION IS \$2.00. BYOB.

THE BULL RING < MAR 1971 > 887 SEYMOUR HAS A MIXED MALE-FEMALE CLIENTEL WITH A BUTCH DECOR OF RED LIGHT, ROUGH HEWN BEAMS, AND CHAINS. IT OPENS AT 10:00 P.M. WITH AN ADMISSION OF 75% WEEK NIGHTS AND SUNDAYS AND \$1.00 FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS BEFORE 11:00 P.M. AND AFTER 3:00 A.M. \$2.00 FROM 11:00 TO 3:00. FREE POPCORN AND A \$25.00 DOOR PRIZE SATURDAY NIGHT. CLOSED WEDNESDAY. BYOB.

CHAMPAGNE CHARLIE'S < MAR 1971 > 612 DAVIE HAS A MIXED CROWD OPENING AT 10:00 P.M. THERE IS A VERY GOOD DRAG SHOW AT 1:00 A.M. SOMETIMES THEY HAVE EROTIC DANCERS. ADMISSION IS 75% WEEK NIGHTS AND \$2.00 FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS. IT IS OPEN NIGHTLY EXCEPT SUNDAY. FOR A DETAILED DESCRIPTION SEE THE PREVIOUS SECTION ON LESBIANS.

CHARLES THE III < MAR 1971 > 728 ROBSON STREET ALIAS B&B II, ALIAS CHEIROS HAS A MIXED CROWD MOSTLY GIKLS. IT OPENS AT 10:00 P.M. ADMISSION IS 75% WEEK NIGHTS AND \$2.00 FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS. OPEN NIGHTLY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

FACES < MAR 1971 > ALIAS 795 CLUB, ALIAS TWIGGY'S AT 795 SEYMOUR STREET HAS RECENTLY BEEN REMODELLED. IT IS QUITE NICELY FURNISHED INSIDE WITH CARPETS, FLUORESCENT MURALS, A STAGE (AND SOMETIMES GO-GO BOY FOR LAUGHS), TABLES AND A DANCE FLOOR. THE UNDER 21 GROUP COME HERE FRIDAY NIGHT. THE BEAUTIFUL YOUNG HUSTLERS MAKE FACES THEIR HOME AS DO THE POT AND ACID HEADS AND THE CHARACTERS. THE ATMOSPHERE IS NOT NEARLY AS FRIENDLY AS AT THE B&B, BUT IT IS MORE RELAXED. AS ONE PERSON PUT IT "FACES IS A STRAIGHT CLUB FOR GAY PEOPLE". UPENS 9:30 P.M. 75% WEEK DAYS AND SUNDAYS, \$1.00 BEFORE 11:00 AND \$2.00 AFTER 11:00 ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. BYOB.

MISCELLANEOUS

BAD BOYS RAGGE SHOPPE < JUNE 1970 > HAS GAY CLERKS BUT CATERS TO THE STRAIGHT POPULATION AS WELL.

BIRK'S CORNER < MAR 1971 > SOUTH WEST CORNER OF GRANVILLE AND GEORGIA HUSTLERS LOITER ON THIS CORNER AND ON NEARBY PARTS OF GEORGIA AND GRANVILLE STREETS (PARTICULARLY OUTSIDE THE CASTLE AND THE WHITE LUNCH)

CASA FELICIA < MAR 1971 > 819 PACIFIC STREET IS OPEN DAILY FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 1:00 A.M.. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M. AND SUNDAY FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. PHONE 683-0111 FOR RESERVATIONS. THE FOOD IS NOT ALL THAT GREAT, BUT THE SURROUNDINGS ARE ELEGANTLY DONE IN RED WHITE AND BLACK WITH HANDSOME UNIFORMED WAITERS. THEY ALLOW GAYS, LESBIANS, TRANSVESTITES, BUT WILL NOT ALLOW STRAIGHTS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A GAY.

THE CIRCLE < MAR 1971 > IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE CLUBS FOR THE OLDER GAY. YOU CAN PHONE THEM UP TO CRY ON A SHOULDER OR TO TALK OVER YOUR GAY PROBLEMS. THEY ORGANIZE DANCES AND OTHER NON-CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS. PHONE 985-0713 TO FIND OUT ABOUT JOINING. IF A LADY ANSWERS DO NOT LET IT THROW YOU AS GAY GIRLS ARE ACTIVE IN THIS GROUP AS WELL. THE DUES ARE \$10.00 PER YEAR. THE CLUB GOES INACTIVE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. THEY ARE A VERY CONSERVATIVE GROUP OF 8 PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THAT HOMOSEXUALITY IS A DISEASE AND THUS WILL DO THEIR BEST TO GET YOU TO A PSYCHIATRIST TO BE 'CURED'. THE MEMBERSHIP IS RESTRICTED TO OVER 21'S, AND I WOULD GUESS THE AVERAGE AGE IS ABOUT 28.

THE GAY ACTIVIST ALLIANCE < MAR 1971 > 1604 - 1320 BUTE STREET OR PHONE 685-4580 TO CONTACT THIS GROUP THAT CONCENTRATES ON CIVIL LIBERTIES.

GAY LIBERATION FRONT < MAR 1971 > THIS UMBRELLA GROUP HOLDS A DROP IN AT 509 CARROL STREET EACH FRIDAY EVENING. CONTACT THEM THROUGH THE GAY SWITCHBOARD AT 255-9969 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. EACH EVENING.

ENGLISH SWEET SHOP < MAR 1971 > 1140 ROBSON STREET SELLS PORNOGRAPHIC MAGAZINES OF GUYS IS PUSING STRAPS. RUN BY A VERY GRUMPY OLD MAN.

SAM'S SHIRT SHOP < MAR 1971 > 718 ROBSON STREET SELLS WILD CLOTHING -- SKIMPY MALE BATHING SUITS AND FRILLY SHIRTS. IT IS FREQUENTED BY GAYS WHO HAVE A PRIVATE CLUB SOMEWHERE IN AN APARTMENT.

THE WOLF'S LAIR < MAR 1971 > IS AN EXPENSIVE CLOTHING STORE.

WORLD WIDE NEWS < MAR 1971 > 867 GRANVILLE HAS BEEN SELLING NUDE MAGAZINES

VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA

CRUISING PLACES

BEACON HILL PARK < JANUARY 1970 > AND PLACES ALONG THE WATERFRONT ARE GOOD NIGHTS AND AT NOON HOUR (OF ALL TIMES!). AT NIGHT MAINLY OLD MEN CRUISE.

THE CAUSEWAY < JUNE 1970 > OUTSIDE THE EMPRESS HOTEL AND THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS PERK UP AFTER MIDNIGHT. (VICTORIANS ARE VERY DISCREET.) BUT SOMETIMES THE AREA IS GOOD AROUND 10:30 P.M.

BARS

THE BENGAL ROOM < JAN 1971 > IN THE EMPRESS HOTEL.
THE CHURCHILL < JANUARY 1970 > 1140 GOVERNMENT STREET IS YOUR BEST BET
THE OLD FORGE < AUG 1970 > IN THE STRATHCONA HOTEL ON COURTENAY IS VEDDY VEDDY DISCREET.

WINNIPEG MANITOBA

CRUISING PLACES

LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS < MARCH 1970 > THE SURROUNDING GROUNDS COMMONLY KNOWN AS 'THE HILL' ARE THE MAIN CRUISING GROUNDS.

STEAM BATHS

ALEXANDER STEAM BATHS < FEBRUARY 1969 >

BARS

MARDI GRAS < JUNE 1970 > 287 PORTAGE AVENUE IS BRIGHTLY DECORATED WITH DANCING SCENES REMINISCENT OF THE GAY 90'S IN PARIS. THERE ARE SOME CUTE YOUNG GUYS THERE, BUT AS JOHN PUT IT "THE STATICS OF THE SITUATION ARE FINE, BUT THE DYNAMICS ARE UNBEARABLY LIMP WRISTED."
MOROCCO CLUB < MARCH 1970 > 573 PORTAGE AVENUE CATERES TO A MIXED CROWD. IT DOES NOT HAVE A REPUTATION AS A GAY BAR AMONG STRAIGHT PEOPLE, BUT IT DOES HAVE A REPUTATION AS A REPULSIVE UNHEALTHY CLIP JOINT.
MOUNT ROYAL BAR < FEB 1971 > IS A DINGY PLACE FREQUENTED BY LESBIANS.
SWISS CHALET < MAR 1971 > ON PORTAGE DOWN THE STREET FROM THE MARDI GRAS HAS A BAR AND COFFEE SHOP DOWNSTAIRS. \$2.00 COVER.

CLUBS

CLUB 654 < JAN 1971 > 654 ERIN STREET IS OPEN SATURDAY 9:00 P.M. TO 3:00 A.M.

MISCELLANEOUS

DOMINION NEWS < JAN 1971 > HAS PORN
FRANK'S < JAN 1971 > 712 SELKIRK AVENUE HAS PORN.
GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT < JAN 1971 > MALL CENTRE PORTAGE AVENUE HAS PORN
OBIES < JAN 1971 > MCGREGOR NEAR SELKIRK

WINDSOR ONTARIO

STEAM BATHS

VESUVIO STEAM BATHS < JUNE 1970 > 563 BRANT STREET HAS A REPUTATION AS THE BEST IN CANADA.

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